

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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3 **Senate Bill No. 357**

4 (By Senator Laird)

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6 [Originating in the Committee on Natural Resources;
7 reported February 15, 2011.]
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11 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-21 of the Code of West Virginia,
12 1931, as amended, relating to reporting beaver and otter
13 taken, tagged and checked.

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

15 That §20-2-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

18 **§20-2-21. Reporting beaver and otter pelts taken and tagged.**

19 Each trapper shall present each ~~Castor canadensis~~ beaver and
20 otter, or ~~its~~ each pelt, to a game checking station or
21 representative of the division within thirty days after the close
22 of a legal season. A tag provided by the division shall be affixed
23 to each ~~Castor canadensis~~ beaver and otter, or each pelt and remain
24 attached to the animal or pelt until it is processed into
25 commercial fur.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add otter to the

species which must be checked at an official game check station.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.)