

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

**Senate Bill No. 357**

(By Senator Laird)

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[Originating in the Committee on Natural Resources;  
reported February 15, 2011.]

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A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reporting beaver and otter taken, tagged and checked.

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

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

**ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

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

- 1 Each trapper shall present each ~~Castor canadensis~~ beaver
- 2 and otter, or ~~its~~ each pelt, to a game checking station or
- 3 representative of the division within thirty days after the

4 close of a legal season. A tag provided by the division shall  
5 be affixed to each ~~Castor canadensis~~ beaver and otter, or  
6 each pelt and remain attached to the animal or pelt until it  
7 is processed into commercial fur.

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(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.)