

1 **H. B. 4237**

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7 [Introduced January 20, 2012; referred to the
8 Committee on Natural Resources then the Judiciary.]

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §19-29-2 of the Code of West Virginia,
11 1931, as amended, relating to allowing the inclusion of white-
12 tailed deer and its subspecies in the definition of
13 "nontraditional agriculture."

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

15 That §19-29-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 29. PRODUCTION OF NONTRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS.**

18 **§19-29-2. Definitions.**

19 (a) "Aquaculture" means the commercial production of fish
20 and/or other aquatic life.

21 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture or
22 his or her designee.

23 (c) "Domestic purposes" means for the purposes of food
24 production, for resale as breeding stock or for the sale of
25 immature stock for the purposes of further feeding.

1 (d) "Nontraditional agriculture" means the production of
2 animals domesticated from wild stock, either native or nonnative,
3 and are being confined, bred, and/or fed for domestic purposes;
4 ~~except that white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) and all its~~
5 ~~subspecies shall not be included~~ aquaculture; or other agricultural
6 products as defined in this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow the inclusion of white-tailed deer and its subspecies in the definition of "nontraditional agriculture."

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