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**House Bill No. 4328**

(By Delegates Talbott, Crosier, R. Phillips,  
Anderson, Azinger, Rodighiero, Hamilton and Hall)  
[By Request of the Division of Natural Resources]



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An ACT to amend and reenact §20-2-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to tagging of certain game animals; and removing bobcats from the list of species requiring a field tag.

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

That §20-2-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

### **ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

#### **§20-2-22. Tagging, removing, transporting and reporting bear, deer, wild boar and wild turkey.**

- 1 (a) Each person killing a bear, deer, wild boar or wild
- 2 turkey found in a wild state shall either attach a completed
- 3 field tag to the animal or remain with the animal and have
- 4 upon his or her person a completed field tag before removing
- 5 the carcass in any manner from where it was killed.

6 (b) While transporting the carcass of a bear, deer, wild  
7 boar or wild turkey from where it was killed, each person  
8 shall either attach a completed field tag to the animal or have  
9 upon his or her person a completed field tag.

10 (c) Upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge,  
11 vehicle or vessel each person shall attach a field tag to the  
12 killed bear, deer, wild boar or wild turkey. The field tag shall  
13 remain on the carcass until it is retagged with a game tag by  
14 a natural resources police officer or an official checking  
15 station. The game tag shall remain on the carcass until it is  
16 dressed for consumption.

17 (d) If a person who does not possess a field tag kills a  
18 bear, deer, wild boar or wild turkey, he or she shall make a  
19 tag. The field tag shall bear the name, address and, if  
20 applicable, the license number of the hunter and the time,  
21 date and county of killing.

22 (e) The carcass of a wild turkey shall be delivered to a  
23 natural resources police officer or an official checking station  
24 for checking and retagging before it is either skinned or  
25 transported beyond the boundaries of the county adjacent to  
26 that in which the kill was made.

27 (f) The fresh skin and head or carcass of the deer shall be  
28 delivered to a natural resources police officer or an official  
29 checking station for checking and retagging before it is  
30 transported beyond the boundaries of the county adjacent to  
31 that in which the kill was made.

32 (g) A person who kills a bear shall treat the carcass and  
33 remains in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-  
34 two-a of this article.

35 (h) For each violation of this section a person is subject  
36 to the penalties provided in this article.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, House Committee*

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

Originating in the House.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

The within \_\_\_\_\_ this the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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*Governor*