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House Bill 3027

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NOTE**

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BY REQUEST

[Introduced March 14, 2017; Referred
to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §19-1-4e, relating to imposing a tax on cattle which is to be used to help fund
 3 the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services Fund; and creating a special state
 4 revenue account to receive the income generated by the tax and to be administered by
 5 the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §19-1-4e, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

§19-1-4e. Wildlife services fund; tax on cattle.

1 After June 30, 2017, it shall be the duty of the county assessor and his or her deputies of
 2 each county within the state, at the time they are making assessment of the personal property
 3 within such county, to assess and collect an assessment of 50¢ on each head of cattle in this
 4 state.

5 The income derived from this tax shall be deposited into a special revenue account within
 6 the State Treasury to be known as the "Wildlife Services Fund" which is hereby created. The
 7 money in the Wildlife Services Fund shall be used by the commissioner solely to enter into a
 8 cooperative service agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant
 9 Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Wildlife Services (WS) to expand the Coyote Control
 10 Program statewide.

11 Any person who does not pay this assessment is not eligible for the services provide by
 12 this cooperative agreement.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to impose a tax on cattle which is to be use to help fund the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services Fund used to kill coyotes.

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