

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 359**

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to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural  
Development]



1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §17C-4-17, relating to law enforcement making reasonable attempt to contact  
3 landowner when an accident occurs that damages a fence that could contain livestock.

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

**ARTICLE 4. ACCIDENTS.**

**§17C-4-17. Notification of landowner when accident damages livestock fence.**

1 Whenever a member of the West Virginia State Police, Natural Resources police officer,  
2 a member of a county sheriff's department, or a municipal police officer, in the regular course of  
3 their duties, reports on a crash that causes damage to any fence that could contain livestock, that  
4 officer must make a reasonable attempt following the accident to contact the landowner that owns  
5 the fence.