

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2551**

By Delegates Foggin, Roop, and Pritt

[Introduced February 18, 2025; referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary]

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

**§19-18-3. Criminal penalties for trespassing livestock.**

(b) If livestock injures a person or destroys the property of another person while negligently trespassing, the owner of the livestock shall be given an oral or written warning for the first offense. For a second offense within 12 months of the first, the owner is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ~~\$50~~ \$100 nor more than ~~\$100~~ \$200. For a third or subsequent offense within ~~six~~ 12 months of the second or subsequent offense, the owner is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ~~\$100~~ \$200 nor more than \$1,000 \$2000.

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