

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 4355

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Delegate Burkhammer

[Introduced January 15, 2026; referred to the

Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §20-2-56b, relating to the creation of an "upland game bird" stamp to support
3 the purchase and release of upland game birds in West Virginia Wildlife Management
4 Areas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-56b. Upland game bird stamp.

1 (a) There is hereby created an "upland game bird" stamp that may be purchased alongside
2 a standard hunting license for the purpose of hunting upland game birds in West Virginia.

3 (b) "Upland game birds" are defined as ruffed grouse, bobwhite quail, ring necked
4 pheasant, woodcock and snipe. The definition of upland game birds may be modified by the West
5 Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

6 (c) The cost of the upland game bird stamp shall be \$10, and the proceeds of the stamp
7 shall be used by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources to purchase and release upland
8 game birds into West Virginia Wildlife Management Areas.

9 (d) The Director shall be responsible for administering the upland game bird stamp.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the "upland game bird" stamp to be administered
by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

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