

# **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.

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