

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Committee Substitute**

**for**

### **House Bill 4355**

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[Originating in the Committee on Government  
Organization; Reported on February 16, 2026]

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) A Class UB stamp is a resident upland game bird hunting stamp and a Class UBO  
2 stamp is a non-resident upland game bird hunting stamp. These stamps entitle the licensee to  
3 hunt and take upland game birds during any upland game bird season in all counties of the state.  
4 The fee for a Class UB stamp is \$25 and the fee for a Class UBO is \$50. These stamps require the  
5 licensee purchase the appropriate base license before participating in the activities specified in  
6 this section, except as noted.

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

10 (c) The proceeds of the stamp shall be used by the West Virginia Division of Natural  
11 Resources to purchase and release upland game birds into West Virginia Wildlife Management  
12 Areas and to develop and manage upland game bird habitat in those same areas and any  
13 additional lands the Director of the Division of Natural Resources may later deem appropriate for  
14 such development and management.

15 (d) Nothing in this code will remove resident landowner privileges to hunt or take upland  
16 game birds on their own property.

17            (e) The Director shall be responsible for administering the upland game bird stamp.

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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.