

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5426**

By Delegates Canterbury, Cooper, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Heckert, Williams, Anderson, and G.

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[Introduced February 10, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
 2 designated §19-12D-13, relating to designating the Bradford Peat Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)  
 3 to be a noxious weed.

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

**ARTICLE 12D. WEST VIRGINIA NOXIOUS WEED ACT.**

**§19-12D-13. Bradford Peat Pear.**

1 The *Pyrus Calleryana*, including all cultivars such as, but not limited to. Bradford Peat  
 2 Pear, is a detriment to agriculture in West Virginia and is hereby declared to be a noxious weed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to designate the Bradford Peat Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) to be a noxious weed.

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