

**Senate Bill No. 357**

(By Senator Laird)

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[Introduced January 31, 2011; referred to the Committee on  
Natural Resources.]  
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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-21 of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended, relating to reporting beaver and river otter  
12 taken and tagged.

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

14 That §20-2-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
15 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

16 **ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

17 **§20-2-21. Reporting beaver and river otter pelts taken and tagged.**

18 Each trapper shall present each ~~Castor canadensis~~ beaver and  
19 river otter, or ~~its~~ each pelt, to a game checking station or  
20 representative of the division within thirty days after the close  
21 of a legal season. A tag provided by the division shall be affixed  
22 to each ~~Castor canadensis~~ beaver and river otter, or each pelt and  
23 remain attached to the animal or pelt until it is processed into  
24 commercial fur.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add river otter to the species which must be checked at an official game check station.

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