

1 **ENROLLED**

2 **H. B. 4328**

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4 (By Delegates Talbott, Crosier, R. Phillips, Anderson,  
5 Azinger, Rodighiero, Hamilton and Hall)

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7 [By request of the Division of Natural Resources)

8 [Passed March 10, 2012; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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10 An ACT to amend and reenact §20-2-22 of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended, relating to tagging of certain game animals;  
12 and removing bobcats from the list of species requiring a  
13 field tag.

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

15 That §20-2-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
16 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

18 **§20-2-22. Tagging, removing, transporting and reporting bear, ,**  
19 **deer, wild boar and wild turkey.**

20 (a) Each person killing a bear, deer, wild boar or wild turkey  
21 found in a wild state shall either attach a completed field tag to  
22 the animal or remain with the animal and have upon his or her  
23 person a completed field tag before removing the carcass in any  
24 manner from where it was killed.

25 (b) While transporting the carcass of a bear, deer, wild boar

1 or wild turkey from where it was killed, each person shall either  
2 attach a completed field tag to the animal or have upon his or her  
3 person a completed field tag.

4 (c) Upon arriving at a residence, camp, hunting lodge, vehicle  
5 or vessel each person shall attach a field tag to the killed bear,  
6 deer, wild boar or wild turkey. The field tag shall remain on the  
7 carcass until it is retagged with a game tag by a natural resources  
8 police officer or an official checking station. The game tag shall  
9 remain on the carcass until it is dressed for consumption.

10 (d) If a person who does not possess a field tag kills a bear,  
11 deer, wild boar or wild turkey, he or she shall make a tag. The  
12 field tag shall bear the name, address and, if applicable, the  
13 license number of the hunter and the time, date and county of  
14 killing.

15 (e) The carcass of a wild turkey shall be delivered to a  
16 natural resources police officer or an official checking station  
17 for checking and retagging before it is either skinned or  
18 transported beyond the boundaries of the county adjacent to that in  
19 which the kill was made.

20 (f) The fresh skin and head or carcass of the deer shall be  
21 delivered to a natural resources police officer or an official  
22 checking station for checking and retagging before it is  
23 transported beyond the boundaries of the county adjacent to that in  
24 which the kill was made.

1           (g) A person who kills a bear shall treat the carcass and  
2 remains in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-two-a  
3 of this article.

4           (h) For each violation of this section a person is subject to  
5 the penalties provided in this article.