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Senate Bill 359

By Senators Sypolt, Stollings, Woodrum, Nelson, Baldwin, and Roberts

[Passed April 9, 2021; in effect 90 days from passage]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-4-17, relating to law enforcement making reasonable attempt to contact a landowner or lessee when an accident occurs that damages a fence that could contain livestock.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 4. ACCIDENTS.**

§17C-4-17. Notification of landowner when accident damages livestock fence.

Whenever a member of the West Virginia State Police, Natural Resources police officer, a member of a county sheriff's department, or a municipal police officer, in the regular course of their duties, reports on a crash that causes damage to any fence that could contain livestock, that officer must make a reasonable attempt following the accident to contact either the landowner or any known lessee of the land to alert the landowner or lessee of the fence damage.