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**FORM 6 -- NOTICE OF FINAL FILING AND ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATIVE RULE AUTHORIZED  
BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

AGENCY **Natural Resources**

RULE TYPE **Legislative** AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULE No **TITLE-SERIES 58-72**

RULE NAME **Electronic Registration of Wildlife**

CITE AUTHORITY **20-2-4**

HOUSE OR SENATE BILL NUMBER  
**SB 140**

SECTION  
**64-10-3(b)**

PASSED ON  
**03/08/2014**

THIS RULE IS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE  
FOLLOWING DATE

~~Thursday, May 29, 2014~~

*Sunday, June 1, 2014*

BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Yes

Joshua L Jarrell -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in  
accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.



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TITLE 58  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SERIES 72  
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION OF WILDLIFE

§58-72-1. General.

- 1.1. Scope and Purpose. -- This legislative rule establishes the procedures for the electronic registration and checking of wildlife.
- 1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §20-2-4.
- 1.3. Filing Date. -- April 29, 2014.
- 1.4. Effective Date. -- June 1, 2014.

§58-72-2. Definitions.

- 2.1. "Director" means the Director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.
- 2.2. "Division" means the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.
- 2.3. "Electronically Register" or "Electronic Registration" means the submission of all required data via any electronic method made available by the Division to complete the game checking process and obtain a game tag number in lieu of the delivery of wildlife to a Natural Resources Police Officer or official game checking station.
- 2.4. "Game Tag Number" means the number provided by the Division or its representatives that verifies a hunter or trapper has successfully electronically registered their animal.

§58-72-3. Electronic Registration Requirements.

- 3.1. Hunters and trappers in compliance with all other applicable requirements of law and the rules promulgated thereunder may electronically register wildlife in lieu of delivery to a Natural Resources Police Officer or official game checking station, except under the circumstances set forth in subsection 3.6. of this section.
- 3.2. Hunters and trappers shall provide all requested information via any electronic method made available by the Division.
- 3.3. Upon completion of providing the requested data, the Division or its representatives shall issue a game tag number.
- 3.4. The game tag number must be recorded on the hunter or trapper's field tag or recorded on a separate sheet of paper that displays the hunter or trapper's name and address. This information is the equivalent to that which would have been issued by a Natural Resources Police Officer or official game checking station.
- 3.5. The game tag number, hunter or trapper's name and address shall be affixed to the animal or parts thereof and remain affixed until it is dressed for consumption or processed into commercial fur.

3.6. Upon public notice in every affected area, the director may require the physical inspection and checking of wildlife under any of the following circumstances:

- 3.6.a. Epizootic disease among wildlife;
- 3.6.b. Biological necessity requiring physical inspection of wildlife;
- 3.6.c. Circumstances determined necessary to protect the State's wildlife resources; or
- 3.6.d. Any other emergency that may require physical inspection of wildlife.

3.7. The physical inspection and checking of wildlife shall continue during the circumstance outlined in subsection 3.6. or until rescinded by the director.