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## NOTICE OF RULE MODIFICATION OF A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: Agriculture

RULE TYPE: Legislative

TITLE-SERIES: 61-01B

RULE NAME: Registration Forms and Tags For  
Registration Taxation and Control of  
Dogs

CITE AUTHORITY: 19-20-4

The above proposed Legislative rules, following review by the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee, is hereby modified as a result of review and comment by the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee. The attached modifications are filed with the Secretary of State.

**BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Yes

**Norman Bailey -- 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.**

TITLE 61  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SERIES 1B  
REGISTRATION FORMS AND TAGS FOR REGISTRATION,  
TAXATION AND CONTROL OF DOGS

**§61-1B-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- These legislative regulations establish general operating rules and procedures in the Animal Disease Control Division and are established to prevent, suppress, control and eradicate communicable diseases of dogs.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §19-20-4.

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~May 31, 1985.~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~May 31, 1985.~~

1.5. Sunset Date. -- This rule shall expire and have no further force or effect August 1, 2031.

**§61-1B-2. Certificate Of Registration.**

2.1. The Certificate of Registration ~~and the carbon copy thereof~~ shall contain the following information:

- 2.1.1. Year for which tax is paid;
- 2.1.2. Serial number of Certificate of Registration;
- 2.1.3. Registration tag number;
- 2.1.4. Date;
- 2.1.5. Name of owner (keeper or harborer);
- 2.1.6. Address;
- 2.1.7. District;
- 2.1.8. Description of dog;
- 2.1.9. Head tax - required fee three dollars (\$3.00);
- 2.1.10. Amount collected.

**§61-1B-3. Record Of Registration.**

3.1. The Certificate of Registration forms shall be numbered serially and retained. ~~bound in books.~~ A

~~duplicate, nonperforated carbon copy of the Certificate of Registration shall be left in the book as a record.~~

3.2. Each dog shall be issued a registration tag when the Certificate of Registration is issued.

**§61-1B-4. Registration Tags.**

4.1. Registration tags shall be manufactured of metal or some other suitable substance of a permanent nature and designed with a hole in each end one sixteenth (1/16) of an inch in diameter, so that it can be safely and securely attached to the animal's collar. The tag shall bear the imprint "West Virginia Dog Tax," the county, year and serial number: ~~Provided, That any assessor in any county in the state who has forms or tags previously prescribed by the Commissioner of Agriculture be allowed to use the same until the present supply is exhausted, at which time the forms and tags designated by the regulation shall be procured and used.~~ Dogs shall wear a valid registration tag at all times.

4.2. The registration tag number shall be recorded on the Certificate of Registration.

4.3. Municipalities may prescribe their own registration tags for dogs, but they must be clearly distinguishable from those issued by the Commissioner.