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

AGENCY: Agriculture TITLE-SERIES: 61-01B  
RULE TYPE: Legislative Amendment to Existing Rule: Yes Repeal of existing rule: No  
RULE NAME: Registration Forms and Tags For Registration,  
Taxation and Control of Dogs  
CITE STATUTORY AUTHORITY: §19-20-4

The above rule has been authorized by the West Virginia Legislature.

Authorization is cited in (house or senate bill number) 4265

Section 64-9-1 Passed On 3/14/2026 12:00:00 AM

This rule is filed with the Secretary of State. This rule becomes effective on the following date:

May 14, 2026

This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect from the following date:

August 01, 2031

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

Yes

**Amie J Minor -- 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 14, 2026.

1.4. Effective Date. -- May 14, 2026.

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 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 harbinger);
- 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.

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: 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.