

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §20-2-46e

§20-2-46e. Class Q special hunting permit for disabled persons.

(a) A Class Q permit is a special statewide hunting permit entitling the permittee to hunt all legal species of game during the designated hunting seasons from a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) The director shall furnish an application and a Class Q permit will be issued to applicants who meet one of the following conditions of permanent disability:

(1) Permanent or irreversible physical disability that prevents ability to ambulate without use of a wheelchair, walker, crutches, one leg brace or external prosthesis above the knee, or two leg braces or external prostheses below the knees for mobility.

(2) Multiple conditions that result in a minimum of 90 percent loss of use of a lower extremity.

(3) Lung disease to the extent that forced expiratory volume for one second when measured by spirometry is less than one liter or the arterial oxygen tension less than 60 millimeters of mercury on room air at rest.

(4) Cardiovascular disease to the extent that functional limitations are classified in severity as class 3 or 4, according to standards set by the American Heart Association and where ordinary physical activity causes palpitation, dyspnea or anginal pain.

(c) A licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or chiropractic physician must certify the applicant's permanent disability by completing the permit application. The Class Q permit application shall be submitted to the division, which will issue a wallet sized card to the permittee.

(d) A person with a Class Q permit may not hunt or trap under the provisions of this section unless he or she is in possession of the Class Q permit card, a valid hunting license issued pursuant to §20-2-1 et seq. of this code or is a person excepted from licensing requirements pursuant to §20-2-27 and §20-2-28 of this code, and all documents or other lawful authorizations as prescribed in §20-2-37 of this code.

(e) A Class Q permit entitles the holder to hunt from a motor vehicle and, notwithstanding the provisions of §20-2-5 of this code, to possess a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, but only under the following circumstances:

(1) The motor vehicle is stationary;

(2) The engine of the motor vehicle is not operating;

(3) The permittee and one individual, who is at least 16 years of age, to assist the permittee are the only occupants of the vehicle;

(4) The individual assisting the permittee may not hunt with a firearm, bow, or cross-bow while assisting the permittee;

(5) The vehicle is not parked on the right-of-way of any public road or highway; and

(6) The permittee observes all other pertinent laws and regulations.

(f) The director may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code setting forth the qualifications of applicants and the permitting process.