

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1967



## ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 627

(By Mr. Edgar.....)



PASSED March 4,.....1967

In Effect June.....Passage



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ROBERT D. BAILEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
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(By MR. EDGAR)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-eight, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to persons who may hunt, fish or trap without a license or permit so to do, and requiring any resident sixty-five years of age or older to carry on his person at all times while hunting, trapping or fishing a card issued by the director of natural resources stating his name, address and date of birth.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section twenty-eight, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. GAME AND FISH.**

**§20-2-28. When licenses or permits not required.**

1     Persons in the following categories shall not be re-  
2     quired to obtain licenses or permits as indicated:

3     (a)   Bona fide resident landowners or their resident  
4     children, or bona fide resident tenants of such land, may  
5     hunt, trap or fish on their own land during open seasons  
6     in accordance with the laws and regulations applying to  
7     such hunting, trapping and fishing without obtaining a  
8     license to do so unless such lands have been designated  
9     as a wildlife refuge or preserve.

10    (b)   Any bona fide resident of this state who is to-  
11    tally blind may fish in this state without obtaining a  
12    fishing license to do so. A written statement or certifi-  
13    cate from a duly licensed physician of this state showing  
14    the said resident to be totally blind shall serve in lieu  
15    of a fishing license and shall be carried on the person of  
16    said resident at all times while he is fishing in this state.

17    (c)   All residents of West Virginia on active duty in  
18    the armed forces of the United States of America, while  
19    on leave or furlough, shall have the right and privilege

20 to hunt, trap or fish in season in West Virginia without  
21 obtaining a license to do so. Leave or furlough papers  
22 shall serve in lieu of any such license and shall be car-  
23 ried on the person at all times while trapping, hunting  
24 or fishing.

25 (d) In accordance with the provisions of section  
26 twenty-seven of this article, any resident sixty-five years  
27 of age or older shall not be required to have a license  
28 to hunt, trap or fish during the legal seasons in West  
29 Virginia, but in lieu of such license any such person shall  
30 at all times while hunting, trapping or fishing, carry on  
31 his person a card issued by the director stating his name,  
32 address and date of birth.

33 (e) Residents of the state of Maryland who carry  
34 hunting or fishing licenses valid in that state may hunt  
35 or fish from the West Virginia banks of the Potomac  
36 river without obtaining licenses to do so, but such hunt-  
37 ing or fishing shall be confined to the fish and waterfowl  
38 of the river proper and not on its tributaries: *Provided,*  
39 That the state of Maryland shall first enter into a recip-  
40 rocal agreement with the director extending a like pri-

41 vilege of hunting and fishing on the Potomac river from  
42 the Maryland banks of said river to licensed residents  
43 of West Virginia, without requiring said residents to ob-  
44 tain Maryland hunting and fishing licenses.

45 (f) Residents of the state of Ohio who carry hunting  
46 or fishing licenses valid in that state may hunt or fish on  
47 the Ohio river or from the West Virginia banks of said  
48 river without obtaining licenses to do so, but such hunt-  
49 ing or fishing shall be confined to fish and waterfowl of  
50 the river proper and not on its tributaries: *Provided,*  
51 That the state of Ohio shall first enter into a reciprocal  
52 agreement with the director extending a like privilege  
53 of hunting and fishing from the Ohio banks of said river  
54 to licensed residents of West Virginia without requiring  
55 said residents to obtain Ohio hunting and fishing licenses.  
56 In the event the state of Ohio accords this privilege to  
57 residents of West Virginia, such Ohio residents will not  
58 be required to obtain the license provided for by sec-  
59 tion forty-two of this article.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William Tompaz  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Thomas Meyer  
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard W. Carson  
President of the Senate

H. Latham Zerkite  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 15  
day of March, 1967.

Archie C. Smith  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date: 3/11/67

Time 9:45 p.m.