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HOUSE BILL No. 627

(By Mr. Edgar.....)



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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 Tompos
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

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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.