WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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HOUSE BILL No. 527

(By Mr. and Mr. )

PASSED Feb. 18, 1969

In Effect Ninety days from Passage

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J.C. D. CONKLIN, IV
SECRETARY OF STATE
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(By Mr. Ours and Mr. Hawse)

[Passed February 18, 1969: In effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to hunting, trapping, fishing on lands of another; damages and compensation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section seven, 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.


1 It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, hunt, fish or trap upon the fenced, enclosed or posted grounds or
lands of another person or to peel trees or timber, build fires or do any other act or thing thereon in connection with or auxiliary to shooting, hunting, fishing or trapping on such lands without permission in writing from the owner, tenant or agent of such owner, and every person hunting, fishing, shooting or fowling upon such lands shall have in his possession such written permission when so doing.

Any person who, for the purpose of, or while hunting, trapping or fishing, shall, without the permission of the owner, tenant or agent of the owner, enter upon the land of another and while thereon shall kill or injure any domestic animal or fowl, or shall cut, destroy or damage any bars, gates or fence, or any part thereof, or shall leave open any bars or gates thereon resulting in damage to the owner or occupant thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in addition shall be liable to the owner or person suffering such damage for all costs and damages resulting therefrom.

It shall be lawful for the owner, lessee, or the person entitled to the possession of such lands, or the agent
thereof, to arrest any such person found violating this
section and immediately take him before a justice of
the peace for trial, and such owner, lessee, person or
agent is hereby vested with all the powers and rights of
a game protector for such purposes. The officers charged
with the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter
shall have the duty to enforce the provisions of this
section if requested to do so by such owner, lessee, person
or agent, but not otherwise.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William Thompson
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton L. Davidson
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Howard Wees
Clerk of the Senate

D. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

L. H. Johnson
President of the Senate

Jim F. Brown
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 25th day of February, 1968.

Arch A. Shane, Jr.
Governor