

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1969



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HOUSE BILL No. 527

(By Mr. Quinn and Mr. House)



PASSED Feb. 18, 1969

In Effect Ninety days from Passage



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SECRETARY OF STATE

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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.

§20-2-7. Hunting, trapping, fishing on lands of another; damages and compensation.

- 1 It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, hunt, fish
- 2 or trap upon the fenced, enclosed or posted grounds or

3 lands of another person or to peel trees or timber, build
4 fires or do any other act or thing thereon in connection
5 with or auxiliary to shooting, hunting, fishing or trapping
6 on such lands without permission in writing from the
7 owner, tenant or agent of such owner, and every person
8 hunting, fishing, shooting or fowling upon such lands
9 shall have in his possession such written permission when
10 so doing.

11 Any person who, for the purpose of, or while hunting,
12 trapping or fishing, shall, without the permission of the
13 owner, tenant or agent of the owner, enter upon the
14 land of another and while thereon shall kill or injure
15 any domestic animal or fowl, or shall cut, destroy or dam-
16 age any bars, gates or fence, or any part thereof, or shall
17 leave open any bars or gates thereon resulting in damage
18 to the owner or occupant thereof, shall be guilty of a
19 misdemeanor, and in addition shall be liable to the owner
20 or person suffering such damage for all costs and dam-
21 ages resulting therefrom.

22 It shall be lawful for the owner, lessee, or the person
23 entitled to the possession of such lands, or the agent

24 thereof, to arrest any such person found violating this
25 section and immediately take him before a justice of
26 the peace for trial, and such owner, lessee, person or
27 agent is hereby vested with all the powers and rights of
28 a game protector for such purposes. The officers charged
29 with the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter
30 shall have the duty to enforce the provisions of this
31 section if requested to do so by such owner, lessee, person
32 or agent, but not otherwise.

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

William Tompkins
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Howard Thurston
Clerk of the Senate

W. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the Senate

Tom F. Burrell
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Arch A. Shaare Jr.
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 2/21/69

Time 3:50 p.m.
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