

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1969

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 135

(By Mr. Lewis and Mr. Fennig)

PASSED March 5, 1969

In Effect January, 1970 ~~Passage~~

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FILED IN THE OFFICE  
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, IV  
SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS DATE 3-17-69

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**Senate Bill No. 135**

(By MR. GAINER and MR. FANNING)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-seven, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the necessity for licensing.

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

That section twenty-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.**

**§20-2-27. Necessity for license.**

1     Except as otherwise provided by law, no resident who  
2     has reached his fifteenth birthday and who has not reached  
3     his sixty-fifth birthday, and no nonresident shall at any

4 time take, hunt, pursue, trap for, kill or chase any wild  
5 animals, wild birds, or fish for, take, kill or catch any  
6 fish, amphibians or aquatic life of any kind whatsoever in  
7 this state without first having secured a license or permit,  
8 and then only during the respective open seasons, except  
9 that a nonresident who has not reached his fifteenth birth-  
10 day may fish for, take, kill or catch any fish, amphibians  
11 or aquatic life of any kind whatsoever in this state with-  
12 out first having secured a license or permit. No person  
13 under the age of fifteen years shall hunt or chase any  
14 wild animals or wild birds upon lands of another unless  
15 accompanied by a licensed adult.

16 A resident or nonresident member of any club, or-  
17 ganization or association, or persons owning or leasing  
18 a game preserve, or fish preserve, plant or pond in this  
19 state shall not hunt or fish therein without first securing  
20 a license or permit as required by law: *Provided, how-*  
21 *ever,* That resident landowners or their resident children,  
22 or bona fide resident tenants of such land may, without  
23 a permit or license, hunt and fish on their own land  
24 during open seasons in accordance with laws and regu-

25 lations applying to such hunting and fishing unless such  
26 lands have been designated as a wildlife refuge or pre-  
27 serve.

28 Licenses and permits shall be of the kinds and classes  
29 set forth in this article, and shall be conditioned upon the  
30 payment of the fees established therefor.

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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 Senate.

To take effect January 1, 1970.

*Thomas Hayes*  
Clerk of the Senate

*C. Blankenship*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Allyson*  
President of the Senate

*Sam F. Bassidy*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *12<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March*, 1969.

*Arch A. Moore Jr.*  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/8/69

Time 4:50 p.m.

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