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HOUSE BILL No. 615

(By Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Hatfield)

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AN ACT to amend article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section forty-b, relating to issuance of a license permitting hunting with a revolver or pistol.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section forty-b, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-40b. Class A-1 small arms hunting license.

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of section two, article seven, chapter sixty-one of this code, a Class A-1 license shall be a small arms hunting license. If a person is otherwise qualified, a Class A-1 license may be issued by the department, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director, to a person twenty-one years of age or older who holds a valid Class A or Class AB license, or to a person who is a resident and sixty-five years of age or older, but a Class A-1 license shall never be issued to a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor in any way associated with the use of firearms or dangerous weapons or who has been convicted of any felony nor shall the clerk of the county court issue A-1 licenses as provided in section thirty-two, article two of this chapter.
A Class A-1 license shall entitle the licensee to hunt, as otherwise permitted by the provisions of this chapter, but only during small game and big game season as established annually by the director, with either a revolver or pistol not to exceed .22 caliber and must have a barrel at least four inches in length. A Class A-1 license shall entitle the licensee to carry or have in his possession one, and only one, revolver or pistol when going to and from his home or residence and a place of hunting and while hunting in the place: Provided, That such Class A-1 license shall not be valid unless the licensee have in his possession a valid Class A or Class AB license or be a resident and sixty-five years of age or older: Provided, however, That at all times, when not actually hunting, the revolver or pistol shall be unloaded. While hunting, the licensee shall carry the revolver or pistol outside of his person in an unconcealed and easily visible place. At all other times the revolver or pistol shall be cased or dismantled in a way to cause it not to operate. When being transported in a vehicle it shall be kept in a locked compartment of the vehicle which shall not be accessible from the inside of such vehicle. The fee shall be five dollars for a Class A-1 license. All such fees collected shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the law-enforcement division of the department of natural resources. Such fees shall be paid out of the state treasury on order of the director and used solely for law-enforcement purposes.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 27th day of March, 1972.

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Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
COUNCIL

3/11/72
7:05 p.m.

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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