

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE BILL No. 625

(By Mr. GOODWIN AND MR. HATFIELD)

PASSED MARCH 8, 1972

In Effect 90 Days FROM Passage



THOMAS H. HILL
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SECRETARY OF STATE
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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
2 seven, chapter sixty-one of this code, a Class A-1 license
3 shall be a small arms hunting license. If a person is other-
4 wise qualified, a Class A-1 license may be issued by the
5 department, pursuant to rules and regulations promul-
6 gated by the director, to a person twenty-one years of age
7 or older who holds a valid Class A or Class AB license,
8 or to a person who is a resident and sixty-five years of
9 age or older, but a Class A-1 license shall never be is-
10 sued to a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor
11 in any way associated with the use of firearms or danger-
12 ous weapons or who has been convicted of any felony nor
13 shall the clerk of the county court issue A-1 licenses as
14 provided in section thirty-two, article two of this chapter.

15 A Class A-1 license shall entitle the licensee to hunt,
16 as otherwise permitted by the provisions of this chapter,
17 but only during small game and big game season as es-
18 tablished annually by the director, with either a revolver
19 or pistol not to exceed .22 caliber and must have a barrel
20 at least four inches in length. A Class A-1 license shall
21 entitle the licensee to carry or have in his possession one,
22 and only one, revolver or pistol when going to and from
23 his home or residence and a place of hunting and while
24 hunting in the place: *Provided*, That such Class A-1 li-
25 cense shall not be valid unless the licensee have in his
26 possession a valid Class A or Class AB license or be a
27 resident and sixty-five years of age or older: *Provided*,
28 *however*, That at all times, when not actually hunting,
29 the revolver or pistol shall be unloaded.

30 While hunting, the licensee shall carry the revolver
31 or pistol outside of his person in an unconcealed and
32 easily visible place. At all other times the revolver or
33 pistol shall be cased or dismantled in a way to cause it
34 not to operate. When being transported in a vehicle it
35 shall be kept in a locked compartment of the vehicle which
36 shall not be accessible from the inside of such vehicle.

37 The fee shall be five dollars for a Class A-1 license.
38 All such fees collected shall be deposited in the state
39 treasury and credited to the law-enforcement division of
40 the department of natural resources. Such fees shall be
41 paid out of the state treasury on order of the director
42 and used solely for law-enforcement purposes.

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

James G. Beane
Chairman Senate Committee

Philip R. Rutledge
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Howard E. Carlson
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Edw. Leont
President of the Senate

Samuel R. McMan
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Arch A. Shaver, Jr.
Governor



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GOVERNOR

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