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HOUSE BILL No. 651

(By Mr. Bolling and Mr. Ours)

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EUGEN T. HICKS II
SECRETARY OF STATE
This Date 3-4-74
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-six-b, relating to Class N special deer hunting license for anterless deer; specifying fee; authority of director to establish rules and regulations; time when season to be held; individuals not required to have a Class N license; providing that two bucks per square mile of deer range must have been killed during the regular deer hunting season the prior year.

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-six-b, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-46b. Class N special deer hunting license; fee; exceptions; regulations; limitations; authority of director.

1 A Class N license shall be a special deer hunting license for anterless deer of either sex and shall entitle the licensee to hunt for and kill one antlerless deer of either sex during the
Class N license season: Provided, That if a hunter kills a buck deer during the regular deer hunting season, he shall also be permitted to hunt for and kill one antlerless deer during Class N license season if he has applied for and has had issued to him a Class N license. Only one Class N license may be acquired during any calendar year in which such Class N license season is held, and such Class N license can be used only by the applicant. The fee for a Class N license shall be five dollars.

The Class N license shall be issued only for the purpose of removing antlerless deer on a post-season basis when the director deems it essential for proper management of wildlife resources. The director shall establish such rules and regulations governing the issuance of such Class N licenses as he deems necessary to limit, on a fair and equitable basis, the number of persons who may hunt for antlerless deer in any county or any part of a county: Provided, however, That no more than four Class N licenses shall be issued for each deer that the director desires to have killed during the Class N season.

When the director deems it essential that Class N license season be held in a particular county or part of a county, such season shall be held on the Friday and Saturday following regular deer hunting season, and shall be extended beyond such two-day period only upon order of the director when necessary to accomplish the desired kill.

Bona fide resident landowners or their resident children, or bona fide resident tenants of such land shall not be required to have a Class N license in their possession while hunting antlerless deer on their own land during the Class N license season.

Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, no Class N license shall be issued for a county or a part of a county unless, during the regular deer hunting season in the previous year, two bucks have been killed per square mile of deer range in that county or part of the county in which the hunt is to be held, and the director deems the holding of such Class N season advisable.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 4th day of March, 1974.

Governor