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HOUSE BILL No. 651

(By Mr. *Bellomy and Mr. Ours*)

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(By MR. BALLOUZ and MR. OURS)

[Passed February 26, 1974; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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 antlerless 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
2 antlerless deer of either sex and shall entitle the licensee to
3 hunt for and kill one antlerless deer of either sex during the

4 Class N license season: *Provided*, That if a hunter kills a buck
5 deer during the regular deer hunting season, he shall also be
6 permitted to hunt for and kill one antlerless deer during Class N
7 license season if he has applied for and has had issued to him a
8 Class N license. Only one Class N license may be acquired
9 during any calendar year in which such Class N license season
10 is held, and such Class N license can be used only by the
11 applicant. The fee for a Class N license shall be five dollars.

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

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

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

34 Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary,
35 no Class N license shall be issued for a county or a part of a
36 county unless, during the regular deer hunting season in
37 the previous year, two bucks have been killed per square mile
38 of deer range in that county or part of the county in which the
39 hunt is to be held, and the director deems the holding of such
40 Class N season advisable.

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

H. Daniel Darby
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Howard W. Brown
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

Lewis F. M. Penus
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Arch A. Moore, Jr.
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/1/74

Time 4:20 p.m.