WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1977

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 485

(By Mr. [Signature])

PASSED April 9, 1977

In Effect January 1, 1978
AN ACT to amend and reenact sections thirty-nine, forty, forty-a, forty-three and forty-six-b, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to increasing fees for Class A, B, AB, E and N hunting and fishing licenses, providing for issuance of Class H six-day, non-resident small game hunting license, and providing fee for Class H license is eight dollars.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections thirty-nine, forty, forty-a, forty-three and forty-six-b, 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. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-39. Class A resident statewide hunting and trapping license.

1 A Class A license shall be a resident statewide hunting
2 and trapping license and shall entitle the licensee to
3 hunt and trap all legal species of game in all counties of
4 the state, except as prohibited by rules or regulations
5 of the director. It shall be issued only to citizens of the
6 United States and to unnaturalized persons who possess
7 the permit referred to in section twenty-nine of this
8 article who are residents of this state. The fee therefor
9 shall be six dollars.

§20-2-40. Class B resident statewide fishing license.

1 A Class B license shall be a resident statewide fishing
2 license and shall entitle the licensee to fish for all legal
fish in all counties of the state, except as prohibited by
erules or regulations of the director. It shall be issued
only to citizens of the United States, and unnaturalized
persons possessing the permit mentioned in section
twenty-nine of this article, who are residents of this
state. The fee therefor shall be six dollars.

§20-2-40a. Class AB combination resident statewide hunting,
trapping and fishing license.

A Class AB combination license shall be a resident
statewide hunting, trapping and fishing license and shall
entitle the licensee to hunt and trap for all legal species
of game, and fish for all legal species of fish and frogs
in all counties of the state, except as prohibited by rules
or regulations of the director. It shall be issued only to
citizens of the United States and to unnaturalized per-
sons who possess the permit referred to in section
twenty-nine of this article who are residents of this state.
The fee therefor shall be ten dollars.

§20-2-43. Class E, Class F, Class G and Class H licenses for
nonresidents.

A Class E license shall be a nonresident hunting
license and shall entitle the licensee to hunt all game in
all counties of the state, except wild boar. It shall be is-
sued only to citizens of the United States and to unnat-
uralized persons who possess the permit referred to in
section twenty-nine of this article who are not residents of
this state. The fee therefor shall be forty dollars.

A Class F license shall be a nonresident fishing license
and shall entitle the licensee to fish for all fish in all
counties of the state. It shall be issued only to citizens
of the United States and to unnaturalized persons who
possess the permit referred to in section twenty-nine of
this article who are not residents of this state. The fee
therefor shall be twenty dollars.

A Class G license shall be a nonresident family fishing
license and shall entitle the licensee and members of his
family to fish within the territorial limits of state parks
and state forests and in the waters of streams bounding
same, for a distance of not to exceed one hundred yards from the exterior boundary of any state park or state forest, for a period not to exceed one week. It may be issued to any adult nonresident who is temporarily residing in any state park or forest as tenant or lessee of the state. The fee therefor shall be three dollars for the head of the family, plus fifty cents additional for each member of his family to whom the privileges of such license are extended. Class G licenses may be issued in such manner and under such regulations as the director may see fit to prescribe.

A Class H license shall be a nonresident small game hunting license and shall entitle the licensee to hunt small game in all counties of the state for a period of six days beginning with the date it is issued. It shall be issued only to citizens of the United States who are not residents of this state. The fee therefor shall be eight dollars. As used in this section, “small game” means all game except bear, deer, wild turkey and wild boar.

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

A Class N license shall be a special deer hunting license for antlerless deer of either sex and shall entitle the licensee to hunt 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 eight 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.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence E. Christiansen  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect January 1, 1978.

J.C. Dillan J.  
Clerk of the Senate

C.A. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Donald L. Kopp  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within ______________________ this the ____________ day of __________________________, 1977.

John \_______________________\  
Governor