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(By Mr. Springston)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections forty-three, forty-four-b and forty-six, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to Class E, Class EE, Class F, Class G, Class H, Class L and Class LL licenses, and to the bear damage stamp; providing for issuance of the licenses and the stamp to residents and nonresidents, and the fees therefor; and providing for use of the licenses and stamp.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections forty-three, forty-four-b and forty-six, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

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

1 A Class E license shall be a nonresident hunting license
2 and shall entitle the licensee to hunt all game in all counties
3 of the state, except wild boar and bear: *Provided*, That the
4 prohibition on hunting bear under this license does not apply
5 to a Class E license issued prior to and expiring upon the
6 thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred
7 eighty. It shall be issued only to citizens of the United
8 and to unnaturalized persons who possess the permit referred
9 to in section twenty-nine of this article who are not residents
10 of this state. Until the first day of January, one thousand

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11 nine hundred eighty-one, the fee therefor shall be forty
12 dollars. On and after the first day of January, one thousand
13 nine hundred eighty-one, the fee therefor shall be fifty dollars.

14 A Class EE license shall be a nonresident bear hunting
15 license and shall entitle the licensee to hunt bear in all
16 counties of the state on and after the first day of January,
17 one thousand nine hundred eighty-one. It shall be issued
18 only to citizens of the United States and to unnaturalized
19 persons who possess the permit referred to in section twenty-
20 nine of this article who are not residents of this state. The
21 fee therefor shall be one thousand dollars.

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

28 A Class G license shall be a family fishing license and
29 shall entitle the licensee and members of his family to fish
30 within the territorial limits of state parks and state forests
31 and in the waters of streams bounding same, for a distance
32 of not to exceed one hundred yards from the exterior bound-
33 ary of any state park or state forest, for a period not to
34 exceed one week. It may be issued to any adult resident or
35 nonresident who is temporarily residing in any state park or
36 forest as tenant or lessee of the state. The fee therefor shall
37 be six dollars for the head of the family, plus one dollar
38 additional for each member of his family to whom the
39 privileges of such license are extended. Class G licenses may
40 be issued in such manner and under such regulations as the
41 director may see fit to prescribe.

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

§20-2-44b. Bear damage stamp; proceeds to be paid into bear damage fund; purposes, etc.

1 Any hunter licensed to hunt bear in this state shall in addi-
2 tion to a hunting license of either Class A, or AB, in the case
3 of a resident, or C, E, EE, L, LL or M, in the case of a
4 nonresident, have a bear damage stamp which shall be issued
5 by the department of natural resources and which shall be
6 sold at places where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.
7 The fee for a bear damage stamp shall be four dollars and
8 all proceeds from the sale of such stamps shall be paid into
9 the bear damage fund which shall be maintained by the de-
10 partment of natural resources for the purposes of paying
11 claims of property owners for damages to real and personal
12 property caused by acts of bear and to cover the expense of
13 hunting, capturing and removing offending bear to remote
14 areas.

§20-2-46. Class L nonresident statewide bow and arrow hunting and fishing license; Class LL nonresident statewide bow and arrow bear hunting license.

1 A Class L license shall be a nonresident bow and arrow
2 hunting and fishing license and shall entitle the licensee to
3 employ a long bow and arrow in taking game, fish and frogs
4 in all counties of the state: *Provided*, That no person may
5 hunt bear under a Class L license after the thirty-first day
6 of December, one thousand nine hundred eighty. It shall
7 be issued only to citizens of the United States who are not
8 residents of this state. The fee therefor shall be fifteen
9 dollars.

10 A Class LL license shall be a nonresident bow and arrow
11 bear hunting license and shall entitle the licensee to employ
12 a long bow in hunting bear in all counties of the state on
13 and after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred
14 eighty-one. It shall be issued only to citizens of the United
15 States who are nonresidents of this state. The fee therefor
16 shall be one thousand dollars.

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

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Lawrence E. Christian Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1980.

Todd C. Willis
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Botkin Jr.
President of the Senate

Clyde N. Lee, Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 23
day of March, 1980.

John D. Ruliffe
Governor

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