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HOUSE BILL No. 870

(By Mr. Kopelman)

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H. B. 870

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AN ACT to amend chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-a, relating to wildlife resources; creating a voluntary wildlife check-off program for individual taxpayers; providing for disposition of funds; and specifying effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2A. VOLUNTARY WILDLIFE CHECK-OFF PROGRAM.

§20-2A-1. Voluntary wildlife check-off; legislative intent.

1 It is in the public interest to preserve, protect and per-
2 petuate all species of wildlife for the use and benefit of
3 the citizens of West Virginia. The intent of this legislation is
4 to provide additional funding for wildlife programs, to be
5 primarily used to enhance nongame wildlife programs and
6 for the management, preservation, protection and perpe-
7 tuation of nongame species.

8 The financing of these programs will be derived from a
9 voluntary check-off and contribution designation on state per-
10 sonal income tax return forms of a portion or all of a taxpayer's

11 refund. The funding provided shall be supplemental to existing
12 revenues.

§20-2A-2. Voluntary check-off designation.

1 (a) Each West Virginia individual income tax return form
2 shall contain a designation as follows:

3 *West Virginia Voluntary Wildlife Check-Off Program.*

4 Check () if you wish to designate \$1, \$5, \$10, or more
5 of your tax refund for this program. If joint return, check ()
6 if spouse wishes to designate \$1, \$5, \$10, or more.

7 (b) Each individual taxpayer desiring to contribute to
8 the voluntary wildlife program may designate by placing an
9 "X" in the appropriate box on the state income tax return
10 form. His contribution shall be credited to said program.

§20-2A-3. Contributions credited to special fund.

1 The tax department shall determine by the first day of
2 July of each year the total amount designated pursuant to
3 this legislation and shall report such amount to the state
4 treasurer who shall credit such amount to a special depart-
5 ment of natural resources fund.

§20-2A-4. Use of funds.

1 The funds shall be used for the purpose of enhancement
2 and perpetuation of nongame wildlife programs in this
3 state upon order of the director. The director shall on the fif-
4 teenth day of January each year furnish the Legislature with
5 a report stating the amount of money that has been provided
6 and how such moneys have been expended.

§20-2A-5. Effective date.

1 This legislation shall take effect on the first day of January,
2 one thousand nine hundred eighty-two, and shall apply to tax
3 return forms filed thereafter.

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

LT Baylor
Chairman Senate Committee

Tony E. Whitlaw
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1981.

Todd C. Willis
Clerk of the Senate

VA Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates
Warren R. McInnis
President of the Senate

Hyde H. Seely, Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *16*
day of *April*, 1981.

Paul J. Dwyer
Governor

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