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Date 3-9-82

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**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**REGULAR SESSION, 1982**



**ENROLLED**

**SENATE BILL NO. 425**

(By Mr. Colombo)



PASSED March 2, 1982

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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**Senate Bill No. 425**

(BY MR. COLOMBO)

[Passed March 2, 1982; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section fifteen, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the killing of deer and other wildlife that are causing damages to crops, fruit trees or nurseries; procedure for issuance of permits or other authorization.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section fifteen, 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.**

**§20-2-15. Permit to kill deer or other wildlife causing damage to cultivated crops, fruit trees or commercial nurseries.**

- 1 (a) Whenever it shall be found that deer or other wildlife  
2 are causing damage to cultivated crops, fruit trees or  
3 commercial nurseries, the owner or lessee of the lands on  
4 which such damage is done may report such finding to the  
5 conservation officer or biologist of the county in which such  
6 lands are located or to the director. The director shall then  
7 investigate the reported damage and if found substantial shall  
8 issue a permit to the owner or lessee to kill one or more deer  
9 or other wildlife in the manner prescribed by the director.
- 10 (b) In addition to the foregoing, the director shall establish  
11 procedures for the issuance of permits or other authorization  
12 necessary to control deer or other wildlife causing property  
13 damage.

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

*L. P. Baylor*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Tom E. Whitlow*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

*Todd C. Welch*  
Clerk of the Senate

*Blankenship*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Walter R. McGraw*  
President of the Senate

*W. M. Lee, Jr.*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *9*

day of *March*, 1982.

*John R. DeLoach*  
Governor



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