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HOUSE BILL No. 1255

(By Mr. Stephens)

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Passed March 12, 1983

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage



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H. B. 1255

(By MR. STEPTOE)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section forty-b, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to permitting the use of a pistol or revolver with a barrel length of four inches or more.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section forty-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.

§20-2-40b. Class A-1 small arms hunting license.

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of section two, article seven,
2 chapter sixty-one of this code, a Class A-1 license shall be
3 a small arms hunting license. If a person is otherwise qualified,
4 a Class A-1 license may be issued by the department, pur-
5 suant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director,
6 to a person twenty-one years of age or older who holds a
7 valid Class A or Class AB license, or to a person who is
8 a resident and sixty-five years of age or older, but a Class
9 A-1 license shall never be issued to a person who has been
10 convicted of a misdemeanor in any way associated with the
11 use of firearms or dangerous weapons or who has been
12 convicted of any felony nor shall the clerk of the county

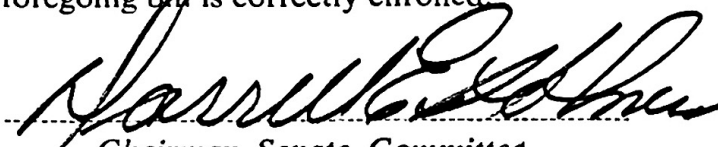
13 commission issue A-1 licenses as provided in section thirty-two,
14 article two of this chapter.

15 A Class A-1 license shall entitle the licensee to hunt, as
16 otherwise permitted by the provisions of this chapter, but only
17 during small game and big game season as established an-
18 nually by the director, with either a revolver or pistol which
19 has a barrel at least four inches in length. A Class A-1 license
20 shall entitle the licensee to carry or have in his possession
21 one, and only one, revolver or pistol when going to and from
22 his home or residence and a place of hunting and while hunt-
23 ing in the place: *Provided*, That such Class A-1 license shall
24 not be valid unless the licensee have in his possession a valid
25 Class A or Class AB license or be a resident and sixty-five
26 years of age or older: *Provided, however*, That at all times,
27 when not actually hunting, the revolver or pistol shall be
28 unloaded.

29 While hunting, the licensee shall carry the revolver or
30 pistol outside of his person in an unconcealed and easily
31 visible place. At all other times the revolver or pistol shall
32 be cased or dismantled in a way to cause it not to operate.
33 When being transported in a vehicle it shall be kept in a locked
34 compartment of the vehicle which shall not be accessible from
35 the inside of such vehicle.

36 The fee shall be five dollars for a Class A-1 license. All
37 such fees collected shall be deposited in the state treasury
38 and credited to the law-enforcement division of the depart-
39 ment of natural resources. Such fees shall be paid out of the
40 state treasury on order of the director and used solely for
41 law-enforcement purposes.


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

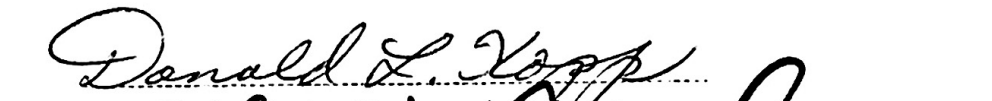

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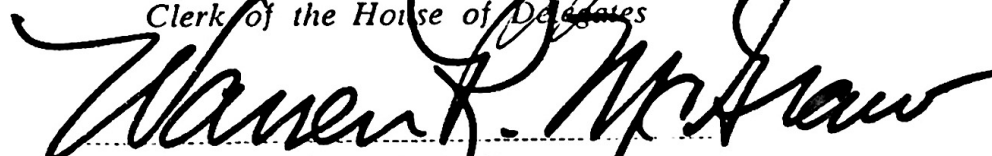

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