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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

H. B. 2050

(By DELEGATE GARRETT and DELEGATE J. MARTIN)

[Passed April 13, 1985; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section forty-four, relating to the establishment of a state migratory waterfowl stamp; definitions; license fee; and dedication of funds.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-44. Migratory waterfowl stamp; definitions; license fee; dedication of funds.

(a) As used in this section:

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2 (1) "Migratory waterfowl" means a wild goose, brant or 3 wild duck.

4 (2) "Department" means the department of natural 5 resources.

6 (3) "Stamp" means the migratory waterfowl conservation 7 stamp provided by this section.

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8 (b) Except as otherwise provided herein, no person may 9 hunt or take any migratory waterfowl within this state without 10 first procuring a migatory waterfowl conservation stamp as provided by this section. Such stamp must be in the possession 11 of every person when hunting or taking any migratory 12 13 waterfowl. Each stamp shall be validated by the signature of the licensee written across the face of such stamp. Such stamp 14 15 shall expire annually on the same date each year that all 16 hunting licenses expire. Any person who is exempt from payment or charge for a hunting license is also exempt from 17 the fee imposed by this section. Any person who is under the 18 age of sixteen years is exempt from the requirements of this 19 20 section.

(c) A stamp shall be issued to each hunting license applicant
upon request and payment of a fee of five dollars, together
with any license agent fees imposed by this article.

24 (d) All fees collected from the sale of state migratory
25 waterfowl stamps shall be appropriated to the department for
26 the following purposes:

(1) Fifty percent for projects approved by the department
for the purpose of attracting waterfowl and improving public
migratory waterfowl areas within the state, but none of the
moneys spent within the state may be used for administrative
expenses; and

32 (2) Fifty percent will be expended by the department for the 33 development of waterfowl propagation areas within the Dominion of Canada which specifically provide waterfowl for 34 35 the Atlantic flyway. Before expending any funds under the provisions of this subsection, the department shall obtain 36 evidence that the project is acceptable to the appropriate 37 governmental agency of the Dominion of Canada or of one 38 of its provinces having jurisdiction over the lands and waters 39 40 affected by the project and shall consult those agencies before allocating funds. The department may enter into an agreement 41 or agreements with an appropriate nonprofit organization or 42 43 organizations to carry out the provisions of this subdivision.

(e) The department has exclusive production rights for the
migratory waterfowl conservation stamp and is authorized to
adopt a policy for the annual selection of an appropriate
design for the stamp and to have the stamp produced for sale.

48 The policy may include ownership rights of the original art 49 selected and arrangements for the reproduction, distribution 50 and marketing of the prints of the design of the stamp, for 51 the disposition of the stamps after their year of issuance and for the lawful disposition of the resulting revenues. Such 52 revenues shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited 53 54 to the department of natural resources and shall be used and 55 paid out upon order of the director for the conservation of 56 migratory waterfowl and other wildlife.

57 The 1986 migratory waterfowl conservation stamp shall be 58 considered the only official "first of state" migratory waterfowl 59 stamp issued for the state of West Virginia. Enr. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2050] 4

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

Chairman Senate Committee

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