WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1992

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 543
(By Senators Craig and Burton)

PASSED March 2, 1992
In Effect 90 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 weapon restrictions for persons attempting to kill wildlife under crop damage permits.

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; weapon restrictions.

1 (a) Whenever it shall be found that deer or other wildlife are causing damage to cultivated crops, fruit trees or commercial nurseries, the owner or lessee of the lands on which such damage is done may report such finding to the conservation officer or biologist of the county in which such lands are located or to the director. The director shall then investigate the reported damage and if found substantial, shall issue a
permit to the owner or lessee to kill one or more deer or other wildlife in the manner prescribed by the director.

(b) In addition to the foregoing, the director shall establish procedures for the issuance of permits or other authorization necessary to control deer or other wildlife causing property damage.

(c) All persons attempting to kill deer or other wildlife pursuant to this section are subject to the same minimum caliber restrictions and other firearm restrictions and the same minimum bow poundage and other bow and arrow restrictions that apply when hunting the same animal species during the regular hunting seasons.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Somerleck
Chairman Senate Committee

Ernest C. Moore
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30th day of MARCH, 1992.

Governor