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SENATE BILL NO. 543

(By Senators Craig and Dittmer)



PASSED March 2, 1992

In Effect 90 days from Passage

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Senate Bill No. 543

(BY SENATORS CRAIGO AND DITMAR)

[Passed March 7, 1992; 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 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
2 wildlife are causing damage to cultivated crops, fruit
3 trees or commercial nurseries, the owner or lessee of
4 the lands on which such damage is done may report
5 such finding to the conservation officer or biologist of
6 the county in which such lands are located or to the
7 director. The director shall then investigate the
8 reported damage and if found substantial, shall issue a

9 permit to the owner or lessee to kill one or more deer
10 or other wildlife in the manner prescribed by the
11 director.

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

16 (c) All persons attempting to kill deer or other
17 wildlife pursuant to this section are subject to the
18 same minimum caliber restrictions and other firearm
19 restrictions and the same minimum bow poundage
20 and other bow and arrow restrictions that apply when
21 hunting the same animal species during the regular
22 hunting seasons.

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

Tomer Heck
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Chairman Senate Committee

Ernest C. Moore
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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

David Edwards
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Clerk of the Senate

Donald L. Hopp
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Kurt Buntette
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President of the Senate

Robert Cole
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Speaker House of Delegates

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

Gaston Caperton
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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/20/92

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