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SENATE BILL NO. 132

(By Senator DITTEL, ET AL.)

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(BY SENATORS DITTMAR, MINARD, HUNTER, ANDERSON, DAWSON, ROSS, CRAIGO, BOWMAN, MITCHELL, KESSLER, BALL AND SHARPE)

[Passed March 10, 2000; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section forty-six-b, article two, chapter twenty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to wildlife resources; and exceptions to having a Class N special deer hunting license by resident parents of landowner children.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section forty-six-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.

§20-2-46b. Class N special deer hunting license.
A Class N license is a special deer hunting license for antlerless deer of either sex and entitles the licensee to hunt for and kill antlerless deer of either sex during the Class N license season. The fee for a Class N license is eight dollars.

The Class N license may be issued only for the purpose of removing antlerless deer when the director determines it essential for proper management of wildlife resources. The director shall establish rules governing the issuance of the Class N licenses as he or she determines necessary to limit, on a fair and equitable basis, the number of persons who may hunt for antlerless deer in any county, or any part of a county.

When the director determines it essential that Class N license season be held in a particular county or part of a county, that season shall be set by the natural resources commission as provided for in section seventeen, article one of this chapter.

Bona fide resident landowners or their resident children, or resident parents, bona fide resident tenants of such land and any bona fide resident stockholder of resident corporations which are formed for the primary purpose of hunting or fishing and which are the fee simple owners of no less than one thousand acres of land upon which the antlerless deer may be hunted are not required to have a Class N license in their possession while hunting antlerless deer on their own land during the Class N license season.

A Class N license may be issued only to a resident of this state who holds a valid Class A, Class A-L, Class AB, Class AB-L, Class X or Class XJ license issued for the current calendar year or a resident of West Virginia who is not required to obtain a license or permit to hunt as provided in section twenty-eight, article two of this chapter, except that this requirement shall not apply to persons under the
age of fifteen. The director shall require proof of age before issuing a Class N license, and the license shall contain a space for recording the number of the valid Class A, Class A-L, Class AB, Class AB-L, Class X or Class XJ license. If at any time prior to the Class N deer hunting season the director determines that there is a surplus of Class N licenses after the demand for the licenses by residents of this state has been met, the surplus licenses may be issued to nonresidents who hold a valid Class E hunting license. The fee for a Class N license issued to a nonresident shall be twenty-five dollars.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating 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......approved......this the......

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Governor