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(By Senator DITMAR, ET AL)

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Senate Bill No. 132

(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.

1 A Class N license is a special deer hunting license for
2 antlerless deer of either sex and entitles the licensee to
3 hunt for and kill antlerless deer of either sex during the
4 Class N license season. The fee for a Class N license is
5 eight dollars.

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

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

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

28 A Class N license may be issued only to a resident of this
29 state who holds a valid Class A, Class A-L, Class AB, Class
30 AB-L, Class X or Class XJ license issued for the current
31 calendar year or a resident of West Virginia who is not
32 required to obtain a license or permit to hunt as provided
33 in section twenty-eight, article two of this chapter, except
34 that this requirement shall not apply to persons under the

35 age of fifteen. The director shall require proof of age
36 before issuing a Class N license, and the license shall
37 contain a space for recording the number of the valid Class
38 A, Class A-L, Class AB, Class AB-L, Class X or Class XJ
39 license. If at any time prior to the Class N deer hunting
40 season the director determines that there is a surplus of
41 Class N licenses after the demand for the licenses by
42 residents of this state has been met, the surplus licenses
43 may be issued to nonresidents who hold a valid Class E
44 hunting license. The fee for a Class N license issued to a
45 nonresident shall be twenty-five dollars.

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

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

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In effect ninety days from passage.

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *20th*
Day of *March* 2000

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