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Senate Bill No. 490

(SENATORS TOMBLIN, MR. PRESIDENT, BAILEY, CHAFIN, FANNING, JACKSON, PLYMALE, REDD, WOOTON, CALDWELL AND ANDERSON, original sponsors)

[Passed April 13, 2001; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section five, article twenty-five, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; to amend and reenact sections one, two, five and six, article fourteen, chapter twenty of said code; to further amend said article by adding thereto two new sections, designated sections nine and ten; and to amend and reenact section six, article seven, chapter sixty-one of said code, all relating to the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area; defining terms; allowing rangers on duty on the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area or trail to carry firearms; permitting the use of the Hatfield-McCoy trail for equestrians; allowing the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area authority to promulgate emergency rules under certain circumstances; requiring certain insurance policies to be read as containing a waiver of defenses; allowing the authority to set user fees for the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area and trail at its

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discretion; and authorizing federal law enforcement officers AMAZ TO YEAR TO THE STATE OF T

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section five, article twenty-five, chapter nineteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; that sections one, two, five and six, article fourteen, chapter twenty of said code be amended and reenacted; that said article be further amended by adding thereto two new sections, designated sections nine and ten; and that section six, article seven, chapter sixty-one of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 19. AGRICULTURE.

ARTICLE 25. LIMITING LIABILITY OF LANDOWNERS.

§19-25-5. Definitions.

- 1 Unless the context used clearly requires a different
- 2 meaning, as used in this article:
- 3 (1) "Charge" means:
- 4 (A) For purposes of limiting liability for recreational or
- 5 wildlife propagation purposes set forth in section two of
- this article, the amount of money asked in return for an
- 7 invitation to enter or go upon the land, including a
- 8 one-time fee for a particular event, amusement, occur-
- 9 rence, adventure, incident, experience or occasion which
- 10 may not exceed fifty dollars a year per recreational
- 11 participant: *Provided*, That the monetary cap on charges
- 12 imposed pursuant to this article does not apply to the
- 13 provisions of article fourteen, chapter twenty of this code
- 14 pertaining to the Hatfield-McCoy regional recreational
- 15 authority or activities sponsored on the Hatfield-McCoy
- 16 recreation area;
- 17 (B) For purposes of limiting liability for military train-
- 18 ing set forth in section six of this article, the amount of

- 19 money asked in return for an invitation to enter or go upon
- 20 the land;
- 21 (2) "Land" includes, but shall not be limited to, roads,
- 22 water, watercourses, private ways and buildings, struc-
- 23 tures and machinery or equipment thereon when attached
- 24 to the realty;
- 25 (3) "Noncommercial recreational activity" shall not
- 26 include any activity for which there is any charge which
- 27 exceeds fifty dollars per year per participant;
- 28 (4) "Owner" includes, but shall not be limited to, tenant,
- 29 lessee, occupant or person in control of the premises;
- 30 (5) "Recreational purposes" includes, but shall not be
- 31 limited to, any one or any combination of the following
- 32 noncommercial recreational activities: Hunting, fishing,
- 33 swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure
- 34 driving, motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle riding, bicycling,
- 35 horseback riding, nature study, water skiing, winter sports
- 36 and visiting, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeologi-
- 37 cal, scenic or scientific sites or otherwise using land for
- 38 purposes of the user;
- 39 (6) "Wildlife propagation purposes" applies to and
- 40 includes all ponds, sediment control structures, permanent
- 41 water impoundments or any other similar or like structure
- 42 created or constructed as a result of or in connection with
- 43 surface mining activities as governed by article three,
- 44 chapter twenty-two of this code or from the use of surface
- 45 in the conduct of underground coal mining as governed by
- 46 said article and rules promulgated thereunder, which
- 47 ponds, structures or impoundments are hereafter desig-
- 48 nated and certified in writing by the director of the
- 49 division of environmental protection and the owner to be
- 50 necessary and vital to the growth and propagation of
- 51 wildlife, animals, birds and fish or other forms of aquatic
- 52 life and finds and determines that the premises have the
- 53 potential of being actually used by the wildlife for those

- 54 purposes and that the premises are no longer used or
- 55 necessary for mining reclamation purposes. The certifica-
- 56 tion shall be in form satisfactory to the director and shall
- 57 provide that the designated ponds, structures or impound-
- ments shall not be removed without the joint consent of 58
- 59 the director and the owner; and
- 60 (7) "Military training" includes, but is not limited to,
- 61 training, encampments, instruction, overflight by military
- 62aircraft, parachute drops of personnel or equipment or
- 63 other use of land by a member of the army national guard
- 64 or air national guard, a member of a reserve unit of the
- armed forces of the United States or a person on active 65
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- duty in the armed forces of the United States, acting in
- 67 that capacity.

CHAPTER 20. NATURAL RESOURCES.

ARTICLE 14. HATFIELD-MCCOY REGIONAL RECREATION AUTHORITY.

§20-14-1. Legislative findings.

- 1 The West Virginia Legislature finds that there is a
- 2 significant need within the state and throughout the
- eastern United States for well-managed facilities for trail-
- 4 oriented recreation for off-highway vehicle enthusiasts,
- mountain bicyclists, equestrians and others. The Legisla-
- ture further finds that under an appropriate contractual 6
- and management scheme, well-managed, trail-oriented, 7
- recreation facilities could exist on private property 8
- without diminishing the landowner's interest, control or 9
- profitability in the land and without increasing the land-10
- owner's exposure to liability. 11
- 12 The Legislature further finds that, with the cooperation
- of private landowners, there is an opportunity to provide 13
- 14 trail-oriented recreation facilities primarily on private
- property in the mountainous terrain of southern West 15
- Virginia and that the facilities will provide significant 16
- economic and recreational benefits to the state and to the 17
- 18 communities in southern West Virginia through increased

- 19 tourism in the same manner as whitewater rafting and
- 20 snow skiing benefit the state and communities surround-
- 21 ing those activities.
- 22 The Legislature further finds that the creation and
- 23 empowering of a statutory corporation to work with the
- 24 landowners, county officials and community leaders, state
- 25 and federal government agencies, recreational user groups
- 26 and other interested parties to enable and facilitate the
- 27 implementation of the facilities will greatly assist in the
- 28 realization of these potential benefits.
- 29 The Legislature further finds that it is in the best
- 30 interests of the state to encourage private landowners to
- 31 make available for public use through the Hatfield-McCov
- 32 regional recreation authority land for these recreational
- 33 purposes by limiting their liability for injury to persons
- 34 entering thereon, by limiting their liability for injury to
- 35 the property of persons entering thereon and by limiting
- 36 their liability to persons who may be injured or otherwise
- 37 damaged by the acts or omissions of persons entering
- 38 thereon.

§20-14-2. Definitions.

- 1 Unless the context clearly requires a different meaning,
- 2 the terms used in this section have the following meanings:
- 3 (a) "Authority" means the Hatfield-McCoy regional
- 4 recreational authority;
- 5 (b) "Board" means the board of the Hatfield-McCoy
- 6 regional recreation authority;
- 7 (c) "Charge" means, for purposes of limiting liability for
- 8 recreational purposes set forth in this article, the amount
- 9 of money asked in return for an invitation to enter or go
- 10 upon the land, including a one-time fee for a particular
- 11 event, amusement, occurrence, adventure, incident,
- 12 experience or occasion as set by the authority: *Provided*,
- 13 That the authority may set charges in differing amounts

- 15 limited to, in-state and out-of-state participants, as the
- 16 authority sees fit;
- 17 (d) "Hatfield-McCoy recreation area" means a system of
- 18 recreational trails and appurtenant facilities, including
- 19 trail head centers, parking areas, camping facilities, picnic
- 20 areas, recreational areas, historic or cultural interpretive
- 21 sites and other facilities that are a part of the system; and
- (e) "Land" includes, but is not limited to, roads, water,
- 23 watercourses, private ways and buildings, structures and
- 24 machinery or equipment thereon when attached to the
- 25 realty;
- 26 (f) "Owner" includes, but is not limited to, tenant, lessee,
- 27 occupant or person in control of the premises;
- 28 (g) "Recreational purposes" includes, but is not limited
- 29 to, any one or any combination of the following noncom-
- 30 mercial recreational activities: Hunting, fishing, swim-
- 31 ming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure
- 32 driving, motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle riding, bicycling,
- 33 horseback riding, nature study, water skiing, winter sports
- 34 and visiting, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeologi-
- 35 cal, scenic or scientific sites or otherwise using land for
- 36 purposes of the user;
- 37 (h) "Participating county" means the counties of Boone,
- 38 Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Wayne and Wyoming
- 39 and, with the approval of the board, any other county or
- 40 counties where trails and other recreational facilities
- 41 relating to the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area are devel-
- 42 oped in the future with the cooperation of the county
- 43 commission.

§20-14-5. Powers of authority.

- 1 The authority, as a public corporation and governmental
- $2\quad instrumentality\ exercising\ public\ powers\ of\ the\ state, may$
- 3 exercise all powers necessary or appropriate to carry out

- 4 the purposes of this article, including, but not limited to,
- 5 the power:
- (1) To acquire, own, hold and dispose of property, realand personal, tangible and intangible;
- 8 (2) To lease property, whether as lessee or lessor, and to 9 acquire or grant through easement, license or other 10 appropriate legal form, the right to develop and use
- 11 property and open it to the use of the public;
- 12 (3) To mortgage or otherwise grant security interests in 13 its property;
- (4) To procure insurance against any losses in connection
 with its property, license or easements, contracts, includ-
- 16 ing hold-harmless agreements, operations or assets in such
- 17 amounts and from such insurers as the authority considers
- 18 desirable;
- 19 (5) To maintain such sinking funds and reserves as the
- $20\quad board\ determines\ appropriate\ for\ the\ purposes\ of\ meeting$
- 21 future monetary obligations and needs of the authority;
- 22 (6) To sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded and complain and defend in any court;
- 24 (7) To contract for the provision of legal services by
- 25 private counsel and, notwithstanding the provisions of
- 26 article three, chapter five of this code, the counsel may, in
- $27 \quad \text{addition to the provisions of other legal services, represent} \\$
- 28 the authority in court, negotiate contracts and other
- $29 \quad agreements \, on \, behalf \, of \, the \, authority, \, render \, advice \, to \, the$
- 30 authority on any matter relating to the authority, prepare
- 31 contracts and other agreements and provide such other
- 32 legal services as may be requested by the authority;
- 33 (8) To adopt, use and alter at will a corporate seal;
- 34 (9) To make, amend, repeal and adopt bylaws for the 35 management and regulation of its affairs;

- 36 (10) To appoint officers, agents and employees and to
- 37 contract for and engage the services of consultants;
- 38 (11) To make contracts of every kind and nature and to
- 39 execute all instruments necessary or convenient for
- 40 carrying on its business, including contracts with any
- 41 other governmental agency of this state or of the federal
- 42 government or with any person, individual, partnership or
- 43 corporation to effect any or all of the purposes of this
- 44 article:
- 45 (12) Without in any way limiting any other subdivision
- 46 of this section, to accept grants and loans from and enter
- 47 into contracts and other transactions with any federal
- 48 agency;
- 49 (13) To maintain an office at such places within the state
- 50 as it may designate;
- 51 (14) To borrow money and to issue its bonds, security
- 52 interests or notes and to provide for and secure the pay-
- 53 ment of the bonds, security interests or notes and to
- 54 provide for the rights of the holders of the bonds, security
- 55 interests or notes and to purchase, hold and dispose of any
- of its bonds, security interests or notes;
- 57 (15) To sell, at public or private sale, any bond or other
- 58 negotiable instrument, security interest or obligation of
- 59 the authority in such manner and upon such terms as the
- 60 authority considers would best serve the purposes of this
- 61 article:
- 62 (16) To issue its bonds, security interests and notes
- 63 payable solely from the revenues or other funds available
- 64 to the authority, and the authority may issue its bonds,
- 65 security interests or notes in such principal amounts as it
- 66 considers necessary to provide funds for any purpose
- 67 under this article, including:
- 68 (A) The payment, funding or refunding of the principal
- 69 of, interest on or redemption premiums on, any bonds,

- security interests or notes issued by it whether the bonds,security interests, notes or interest to be funded or re-
- 72 funded have or have not become due;
- 73 (B) The establishment or increase of reserves to secure or to pay bonds, security interests, notes or the interest on the 74 75 bonds, security interest or notes and all other costs or 76 expenses of the authority incident to and necessary or 77 convenient to carry out its corporate purposes and powers. 78 Any bonds, security interests or notes may be additionally 79 secured by a pledge of any revenues, funds, assets or moneys of the authority from any source whatsoever; 80
- 81 (17) To issue renewal notes or security interests, to issue bonds to pay notes or security interests and, whenever it 82 considers refunding expedient, to refund any bonds by the 83 issuance of new bonds, whether the bonds to be refunded 84 have or have not matured except that no renewal notes 85 may be issued to mature more than ten years from the date 86 of issuance of the notes renewed and no refunding bonds 87 88 may be issued to mature more than twenty-five years from 89 the date of issuance:
- 90 (18) To apply the proceeds from the sale of renewal 91 notes, security interests of refunding bonds to the pur-92 chase, redemption or payment of the notes, security 93 interests or bonds to be refunded;
- 94 (19) To accept gifts or grants of property, funds, security interests, money, materials, labor, supplies or services 95 from the federal government or from any governmental 96 97 unit or any person, firm or corporation and to carry out 98 the terms or provisions of or make agreements with respect to or pledge any gifts or grants and to do any and all 99 100 things necessary, useful, desirable or convenient in connec-101 tion with the procuring, acceptance or disposition of gifts 102 or grants;
- 103 (20) To the extent permitted under its contracts with the 104 holders of bonds, security interests or notes of the author-

- 105 ity, to consent to any modification of the rate of interest,
- 106 time of payment of any installment of principal or interest,
- 107 security or any other term of any bond, security interest,
- 108 note, contract or agreement of any kind to which the
- 109 authority is a party;
- 110 (21) To sell security interests in the loan portfolio of the
- 111 authority. The security interests shall be evidenced by
- 112 instruments issued by the authority. Proceeds from the
- 113 sale of security interests may be issued in the same manner
- and for the same purposes as bond and note venues;
- 115 (22) To promulgate legislative rules in accordance with
- 116 the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of
- 117 this code as necessary to implement and make effective the
- 118 powers, duties and responsibilities invested in the author-
- 119 ity by the provisions of this article and otherwise by law,
- 120 including regulation of the conduct of persons using the
- 121 Hatfield-McCoy recreation area. Notwithstanding any
- 122 other provisions of this code to the contrary, until the
- 123 Legislature has authorized the rules, the authority may
- 124 promulgate emergency rules for those purposes pursuant
- 125 to section fifteen, article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of
- 126 this code;
- 127 (23) To construct, reconstruct, improve, maintain, repair,
- 128 operate and manage the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area
- 129 at the locations within the state as may be determined by
- 130 the authority;
- 131 (24) To exercise all power and authority provided in this
- 132 article necessary and convenient to plan, finance, con-
- 133 struct, renovate, maintain and operate or oversee the
- 134 operation of the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area at such
- locations within the state as may be determined by the
- 136 authority;
- 137 (25) To exercise such other and additional powers as
- 138 may be necessary or appropriate for the exercise of the
- 139 powers conferred in this section;

- 140 (26) To exercise all of the powers which a corporation may lawfully exercise under the laws of this state;
- 142 (27) To provide for law enforcement within the Hatfield-143 McCoy recreational area by appointing rangers as pro-
- 144 vided in section six of this article;
- 145 (28) To develop, maintain and operate or to contract for 146 the development, maintenance and operation of the 147 Hatfield-McCoy recreation area;
- 148 (29) To enter into contract with landowners and other persons holding an interest in the land being used for its 149 recreational facilities to hold those landowners and other 150 persons harmless with respect to any claim in tort growing 151 out of the use of the land for public recreation or growing 152 out of the recreational activities operated or managed by 153 the authority from any claim except a claim for damages 154 proximately caused by the willful or malicious conduct of 155 156 the landowner or other person or any of his or her agents 157 or employees;
- 158 (30) To assess and collect a reasonable fee from those 159 persons who use the trails, parking facilities, visitor 160 centers or other facilities which are part of the Hatfield-161 McCoy recreation area and to retain and utilize that 162 revenue for any purposes consistent with this article;
- 163 (31) To cooperate with the states of Kentucky and 164 Virginia and appropriate state and local officials and 165 community leaders in those states to connect the trails of 166 the West Virginia portion of the Hatfield-McCoy recre-167 ation area with similar recreation facilities in those states;
- 168 (32) To enter into contracts or other appropriate legal 169 arrangements with landowners under which their land is 170 made available for use as part of the Hatfield-McCoy 171 recreation area; and
- (33) To directly operate and manage recreation activities
 and facilities within the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area.

§20-14-6. Hatfield-McCoy recreation area rangers.

1 The board is hereby authorized to appoint bona fide 2 residents of this state to act as Hatfield-McCov recreation area rangers upon any premises which are part of the Hatfield-McCov recreation area, subject to the conditions and restrictions imposed by this section. Before perform-5 6 ing the duties of ranger, each appointed person shall qualify for the position of ranger in the same manner as is 7 required of county officers by the taking and filing of an 9 oath of office as required by section one, article one, 10 chapter six of this code and by posting an official bond as 11 required by section one, article two, chapter six of this 12 code. To facilitate the performance of the duties of a ranger, a ranger may carry a firearm or other dangerous 13 14 weapon while the ranger is on duty.

15 It is the duty of any person appointed and qualified to 16 preserve law and order on any premises which are part of 17 the Hatfield-McCoy recreation area, the immediately 18 adjacent property of landowners who are making land 19 available for public use under agreement with the authority and on streets, highways or other public lands utilized 20 21 by the trails, parking areas or related recreational facilities and other immediately adjacent public lands. For this 22 purpose, the ranger shall be considered to be a law-23 24 enforcement officer in accordance with the provisions of section one, article twenty-nine, chapter thirty of this code 25 and, as to offenses committed within those areas, have and 26 27 may exercise all the powers and authority and are subject 28 to all the requirements and responsibilities of a lawenforcement officer. The assignment of rangers to the 29 30 duties authorized by this section may not supersede in any way the authority or duty of other peace officers to 31 preserve law and order on those premises. 32

The salary of all rangers shall be paid by the board. The board shall furnish each ranger with an official uniform to be worn while on duty and shall furnish and require each ranger while on duty to wear a shield with an appropriate

- 37 inscription and to carry credentials certifying the person's
- 38 identity and authority as a ranger.
- 39 The board may at its pleasure revoke the authority of
- 40 any ranger. The executive director shall report the
- 41 termination of employment of a ranger by filing a notice
- 42 to that effect in the office of the clerk of each county in
- 43 which the ranger's oath of office was filed and in the case
- 44 of a ranger licensed to carry a gun or other dangerous
- 45 weapon, by notifying the clerk of the circuit court of the
- 46 county in which the license for the gun or other dangerous
- 47 weapon was granted.

§20-14-9. Limiting liability.

- 1 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section three,
- 2 article twenty-five, chapter nineteen, an owner of land
- 3 used by or for the stated purposes of the Hatfield-McCoy
- 4 regional recreation authority, whether with or without
- 5 charge, owes no duty of care to keep the premises safe for
- 6 entry or use by others for recreational purposes or to give
- 7 any warning of a dangerous or hazardous condition, use,
- 8 structure or activity on the premises to persons entering
- 9 for those purposes.
- 10 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section three,
- 11 article twenty-five, chapter nineteen of this code, the
- 12 landowner or lessor of the property for recreational
- 13 purposes does not thereby: (a) Extend any assurance that
- 14 the premises are safe for any purpose; or (b) confer upon
- 15 such persons the legal status of an invitee or licensee to
- 16 whom a duty of care is owed; or (c) assume responsibility
- 17 for or incur liability for any injury to person or property
- 18 caused by an act or omission of these persons.
- 19 (c) Unless otherwise agreed in writing, an owner who
- 20 grants a lease, easement or license of land to the authority
- 21 for recreational purposes owes no duty of care to keep that
- 22 land safe for entry or use by others or to give warning to
- 23 persons entering or going upon the land of any dangerous

- 24 or hazardous conditions, uses, structures or activities
- 25 thereon. An owner who grants a lease, easement or license
- 26 of land to the authority for recreational purposes does not
- 27 by giving a lease, easement or license: (1) Extend any
- 28 assurance to any person using the land that the premises
- 29 are safe for any purpose; (2) confer upon those persons the
- 30 legal status of an invitee or licensee to whom a duty of
- 31 care is owed; or (3) assume responsibility for or incur
- 32 liability for any injury to person or property caused by an
- 33 act or omission of a person who enters upon the leased
- 34 land. The provisions of this section apply whether the
- 35 person entering upon the land is an invitee, licensee,
- 36 trespasser or otherwise.
- 37 (d) Nothing herein limits in any way any liability which
- otherwise exists for deliberate, willful or malicious 38
- 39 infliction of injury to persons or property: *Provided*, That
- 40 nothing herein limits in any way the obligation of a person
- 41 entering upon or using the land of another for recreational
- 42 purposes to exercise due care in his or her use of the land
- and in his or her activities thereon, so as to prevent the 43
- creation of hazards or the commission of waste by himself 44
- or herself: Provided, however, That equestrians who are 45
- 46 using the land upon which the Hatfield-McCoy recreation
- 47 area is located but who are not engaged in a commercial
- profit-making venture are exempt from the provisions of 48
- subsection (d), section five, article four, chapter twenty of 49
- 50 this code.

§20-14-10. Insurance policies.

- Any policy or contract of liability insurance providing 1
- 2 coverage for liability sold, issued or delivered in this state
- 3 to any owner of lands covered under the provisions of this
- 4 article shall be read so as to contain a provision or en-
- 5 dorsement whereby the company issuing such policy
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- waives or agrees not to assert as a defense on behalf of the policyholder or any beneficiary thereof, to any claim 7
- covered by the terms of such policy within the policy

- 9 limits, the immunity from liability of the insured by reason
- 10 of the use of such insured's land for recreational purposes,
- 11 unless such provision or endorsement is rejected in writing
- 12 by the named insured.

CHAPTER 61. CRIMES AND THEIR PUNISHMENT.

ARTICLE 7. DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

§61-7-6. Exceptions as to prohibitions against carrying concealed deadly weapons.

- 1 The licensure provisions set forth in this article do not
- 2 apply to:
- 3 (1) Any person carrying a deadly weapon upon his or her
- 4 own premises; nor shall anything herein prevent a person
- 5 from carrying any firearm, unloaded, from the place of
- 6 purchase to his or her home, residence or place of business
- 7 or to a place of repair and back to his or her home, resi-
- 8 dence or place of business, nor shall anything herein
- 9 prohibit a person from possessing a firearm while hunting
- 10 in a lawful manner or while traveling from his or her
- 11 home, residence or place of business to a hunting site and
- 12 returning to his or her home, residence or place of busi-
- 13 ness;
- 14 (2) Any person who is a member of a properly organized
- 15 target-shooting club authorized by law to obtain firearms
- 16 by purchase or requisition from this state, or from the
- 17 United States for the purpose of target practice, from
- 18 carrying any pistol, as defined in this article, unloaded,
- 19 from his or her home, residence or place of business to a
- 20 place of target practice and from any place of target
- 21 practice back to his or her home, residence or place of
- 22 business, for using any such weapon at a place of target
- 23 practice in training and improving his or her skill in the
- 24 use of the weapons;

- 25 (3) Any law-enforcement officer or law-enforcement 26 official as defined in section one, article twenty-nine, 27 chapter thirty of this code;
- 28 (4) Any employee of the We
- 28 (4) Any employee of the West Virginia division of 29 corrections duly appointed pursuant to the provisions of 30 section five, article five, chapter twenty-eight of this code 31 while the employee is on duty;
- 32 (5) Any member of the armed forces of the United States 33 or the militia of this state while the member is on duty;
- (6) Any circuit judge, including any retired circuit judge
 designated senior status by the supreme court of appeals
 of West Virginia, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney or a duly appointed investigator employed by
 a prosecuting attorney;
- (7) Any probation officer appointed under the provisions
 of section five, article twelve, chapter sixty-two of this
 code;
- 42(8) Any resident of another state who has been issued a 43 license to carry a concealed weapon by a state or a political subdivision which has entered into a reciprocity 44 45 agreement with this state shall be exempt from the 46 licensing requirements of section four of this article. The 47 governor may execute reciprocity agreements on behalf of 48 the state of West Virginia with states or political subdivi-49 sions which have similar gun permitting laws and which 50 recognize and honor West Virginia licenses issued pursu-51 ant to section four of this article;
- (9) Any federal law-enforcement officer or federal police
 officer authorized to carry a weapon in the performance of
 the officer's duty; and
- 55 (10) Any Hatfield-McCoy regional recreation authority 56 ranger while the ranger is on duty.

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