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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §20-2-42a, §20-2-42q, §20-2-42s and §20-2-42v of the Code of
2 West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to crossbow hunting; clarifying that the use
3 of crossbows with Class A hunting and trapping license during big game seasons requires
4 additional licenses, stamps or permits (with exception of buck firearms seasons);
5 permitting crossbow hunting with Class RB and Class RRB licenses; permitting crossbow
6 hunting with Class UU licenses; and permitting crossbow hunting with Class BG stamp.
7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-42a. Class A resident hunting and trapping license.

1 A Class A license is a resident hunting and trapping license and entitles the licensee to
2 hunt and trap all legal species of wild animals and wild birds in all counties of the state, except,
3 big game as provided in §20-2-42v of this code, and except as prohibited by rules of the director
4 or Natural Resources Commission and when additional licenses, stamps, or permits are required.
5 It shall be issued only to residents or aliens lawfully residing in the United States who have been
6 domiciled residents of West Virginia for a period of 30 consecutive days or more immediately prior
7 to the date of their application for a license. The fee for the license is \$18. This is a base license
8 and does not require the purchase of a prerequisite license to participate in the activities specified
9 in this section, except as noted.

§20-2-42q. Class RB resident and Class RRB nonresident archery deer hunting stamp for an additional deer.

1 The director may issue a Class RB resident and a Class RRB nonresident archery deer
2 hunting stamp when considered essential for the proper management of the wildlife resources.
3 This stamp allows the licensee to hunt and take an additional deer during the deer archery or
4 crossbow seasons as designated by the director. The fee for a Class RB stamp is \$20 and the
5 fee for a Class RRB stamp is \$35. The director may propose rules for promulgation in accordance
6 with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code governing the issuance and use of these stamps. These stamps

7 require that the licensee purchase the appropriate base license before participating in the
8 activities specified in this section.

§20-2-42s. Class UU nonresident archery deer hunting stamp.

1 A Class UU stamp is a nonresident archery deer hunting stamp and entitles the licensee
2 to hunt and take deer with a bow during the archery deer season or with a crossbow in the
3 crossbow deer season in all counties of the state, except as prohibited by the rules of the director
4 or Natural Resources Commission. The fee for a Class UU stamp is \$30. The stamp, issued in a
5 form prescribed by the director, is in addition to a Class E license. This stamp requires that the
6 licensee purchase the appropriate base license before participating in the activities specified in
7 this section.

§20-2-42v. Class BG resident big game stamp.

1 A Class BG stamp is a resident big game stamp and entitles the Class A licensee to hunt
2 deer during the deer archery, crossbow, and muzzleloader seasons, and bear, wild turkey, and
3 wild boar during the respective seasons, except as prohibited by rules of the director or Natural
4 Resources Commission: *Provided*, That the licensee possesses all other required permits and
5 stamps. The fee for the stamp is \$10. The stamp, issued in a form prescribed by the director, shall
6 be in addition to a Class A license. This stamp requires that the licensee purchase the appropriate
7 base license before participating in the activities specified in this section.

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

Debra Hamsher
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Chairman, House Committee

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Chairman, Senate Committee

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Steph D. Morris
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The within *is approved* this the *22nd*
March day of 2018.

Jim Justice
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Governor

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