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HOUSE BILL No. 2266

(By Delegates Nicol, Evans and Jove )



Passed March 26 1993

In Effect ninety days from Passage

**ENROLLED**  
**H. B. 2266**

(By DELEGATES NICOL, EVANS AND LOVE)

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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 permitting the killing of deer or other wildlife causing damage to cultivated crops, trees, commercial nurseries, homeowners' shrubbery and vegetable gardens; weapon restrictions.

*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, trees, commercial nurseries, homeowners' shrubbery and vegetable gardens; weapon restrictions.**

- 1 (a) Whenever it shall be found that deer or other
- 2 wildlife are causing damage to cultivated crops, fruit
- 3 trees, commercial nurseries, homeowners' trees,
- 4 shrubbery or vegetable gardens, the owner or lessee of
- 5 the lands on which such damage is done may report such
- 6 finding to the conservation officer or biologist of the
- 7 county in which such lands are located or to the director.
- 8 The director shall then investigate the reported damage
- 9 and if found substantial, shall issue a permit to the

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

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

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

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

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within *is approved* ..... this the *3rd* .....  
day of *April* ..... 1993.

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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 3/3/93

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