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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 303

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[Originating in the Committee on Natural Resources;
reported on February 4, 2016.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §20-2-42z; and to amend and reenact §20-2B-9 of said code, all relating to
3 hunting and fishing licenses; and providing Class L resident five-day fishing license.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
2 section, designated §20-2-42z; and that §20-2B-9 of said code be amended and reenacted, all to
3 read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

4 **§20-2-42z. Class L resident five-day fishing license.**

5 A Class L license is a resident fishing license and entitles the licensee to fish for all legal
6 fish except trout and to take frogs in all counties of the State for five consecutive calendar dates
7 chosen by the buyer and which will be specified on the license, except as prohibited by rules of
8 the director or Natural Resources Commission and except when additional licenses, stamps or
9 permits are required. To fish for trout, a Class L licensee must purchase and carry a valid Class
10 O trout stamp. The fee for the license is \$8. This is a base license and does not require the
11 purchase of a prerequisite license to participate in the activities specified in this section, except
12 as noted.

ARTICLE 2B. WILDLIFE ENDOWMENT FUND.

§20-2B-9. Class CS resident conservation stamp; purposes, etc.

1 A resident hunter, angler or trapper licensed to hunt, fish or trap in this state shall have, in
2 addition to a Class A, or B or L license, a Class CS conservation stamp. The fee for the stamp is
3 \$5.

4 The revenue derived from the sale of conservation stamps shall be deposited in the State
5 Treasury and shall be credited to the Division of Natural Resources. The revenue shall be used
6 and paid out, upon order of the director, for capital improvements and land purchases or leases
7 benefitting wildlife except that at the discretion of the director, a maximum of twenty percent of

8 the revenue may be used for the operation and maintenance of capital improvements and lands:
9 *Provided*, That none of this revenue shall be expended for the purchase of wetlands, or for land
10 to be flooded so as to create wetlands, to attract migratory waterfowl within sixty air miles of any
11 established poultry industry: *Provided, however*, That no expenditures of the revenue derived
12 from the sale of the conservation stamps shall be made for recreational facilities or activities that
13 are used by or for the benefit of the general public rather than by or for purchasers of hunting,
14 fishing or trapping licenses. Any unexpended moneys derived from the sale of conservation
15 stamps shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for a five day resident fishing license for \$8.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law,
and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.