

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2018 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENROLLED**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**House Bill 2696**

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[Passed March 3, 2018; in effect ninety days from passage.]



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.

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*Chairman, House Committee*

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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*Governor*