

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 421

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to the Committee on Natural Resources]

1 A BILL 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; and clarifying use of
3 crossbows with certain licenses and stamps.

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 that the licensee may not hunt deer during the deer archery, crossbow, and muzzleloader
4 seasons, or black bear, wild turkey, or wild boar during the respective seasons, and except as
5 prohibited by rules of the director or Natural Resources Commission and when additional licenses,
6 stamps, or permits are required. It shall be issued only to residents or aliens lawfully residing in
7 the United States who have been domiciled residents of West Virginia for a period of 30
8 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of their application for a license. The fee
9 for the license is \$18. This is a base license and does not require the purchase of a prerequisite
10 license to participate in the activities specified 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 has the authority to issue a Class RB resident and a Class RRB nonresident
2 archery deer hunting stamp when deemed essential for the proper management of the wildlife
3 resources. This stamp allows the licensee to hunt and take an additional deer during the deer
4 archery or crossbow seasons as designated by the director. The fee for a Class RB stamp is \$20
5 and the fee for a Class RRB stamp is \$35. The director may promulgate rules in accordance with
6 §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, except as noted.

§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, shall be in addition to a Class E license. This stamp requires that
6 the licensee purchase the appropriate base license before participating in the activities specified
7 in this section, except as noted.

§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/or
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, except as noted.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify that the use of a crossbow for hunting big game requires additional licenses, stamps, or permits (with exception of buck firearms season) with a Class A hunting and trapping license. The bill permits crossbow hunting with Class RB, Class RRB, and Class UU licenses, and with a Class BG stamp.

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