

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2018 REGULAR SESSION

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4278**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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[Introduced January 24, 2018; Referred  
to the Committee on Fire Departments and  
Emergency Medical Services then Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §20-2-63, relating to exempting volunteer firefighters from fees for hunting,  
3 fishing and trapping licenses and permits; providing that fees for hunting, trapping and  
4 fishing licenses and permits are waived for volunteer firefighters; including eligibility  
5 requirements; requiring compliance with all other requirements to obtain license; and  
6 granting rule-making authority.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

## **ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

### **§20-2-63. Waiver of fees for volunteer firefighters applying for hunting, trapping and fishing licenses.**

1 (a) For any person who serves as a volunteer firefighter who would otherwise be required  
2 to have a license or permit to hunt, fish, or trap, the fee to obtain the license or permit that would  
3 otherwise be required by the director by legislative rules issued pursuant to section forty-two of  
4 this article is waived.

5 (b) To be eligible for this fee waiver, a person applying for a license or permit must submit  
6 an affidavit signed by the applicant's fire chief, stating that the applicant is a volunteer firefighter.

7 (c) Any person seeking a fee waiver must provide all other information required by the  
8 director for issuance of the license and must comply with all other provisions of law relating to the  
9 applicable license or permit that is sought.

10 (d) The director may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the  
11 provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code setting forth application and processing procedures.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to waive the fees for hunting, fishing and trapping licenses or permits for individuals who are currently serving as volunteer firefighters.

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