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2020 REGULAR SESSION

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House Bill 4523

BY DELEGATES SUMMERS, PAYNTER, HARDY, WORRELL

AND MAYNARD

[Passed March 7, 2020; in effect ninety days from
passage.]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §20-2-42y of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to Class AH, AHJ, AAH, AAHJ apprentice hunting and trapping licenses; and
3 removing the limitation of number of apprentice hunting and trapping licenses a person
4 may purchase.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia;

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-42y. Class AH, AHJ, AAH, AAHJ apprentice hunting and trapping licenses; penalties.

1 (a) Except for persons otherwise exempted, Class AH, AHJ, AAH, and AAHJ licenses are
2 apprentice hunting and trapping licenses and entitle the licensee to hunt and trap for all legal
3 species of wild animals and wild birds. The licenses shall be base licenses and entitle the licensee
4 to a deferral of the proof of a certificate of training required under §20-2-30a of this code.

5 (b) The apprentice hunting and trapping licensee may not hunt or trap unless he or she is
6 in possession of all other required documentation and stamps and is accompanied and directly
7 supervised by an adult 18 years of age or older who either possesses a valid West Virginia hunting
8 license or has the lawful privilege to hunt pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. For purposes
9 of this section, "accompanied and directly supervised" means that a person maintains a close
10 visual and verbal contact with, provides adequate direction to, and can assume control of the
11 firearm from the apprentice hunter.

12 (c) The cost of the Class AH license for residents who have reached their 18th birthday
13 shall be \$19 and shall have the same privileges associated with Class A base license. The cost
14 of the Class AAH license for nonresidents who have reached their 18th birthday shall be \$119
15 and shall have the same privileges associated with a Class E base license. The cost of the Class
16 AHJ license shall be \$16 for residents who have reached their 15th birthday and who have not
17 reached their 18th birthday, and shall have the same privileges associated with Class XJ base
18 license. The cost of the Class AAHJ license shall be \$16 for nonresidents who have not reached
19 their 18th birthday and shall have the same privileges associated with a Class XXJ base license.

20 (d) An apprentice hunting and trapping license is a yearly license and may only be
21 purchased electronically in a manner designated by the director. No person who has ever had a
22 valid base hunting license, other than a Class AH, Class AHJ, Class AAH, or Class AAHJ license,
23 may be issued one of the apprentice hunting and trapping licenses.

24 (e) The director may promulgate rules in accordance with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code
25 regulating the issuance of apprentice hunting and trapping licenses.

26 (f) Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
27 conviction thereof, is subject to the punishment and penalties prescribed in §20-7-9 of this code.

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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President of the Senate

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