

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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## **Senate Bill 533**

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[Introduced January 17, 2020; referred  
to the Committee on Natural Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2B-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to authorizing lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for foster or adoptive children  
 3 who have not reached the second year of their placement to be the same cost as resident  
 4 children who have not reached their second birthday.

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

**ARTICLE 2B. WILDLIFE ENDOWMENT FUND.**

**§20-2B-7. Lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses created.**

1 (a) Pursuant to §20-2B-3 of this code, the director may issue the following lifetime hunting,  
 2 fishing, and trapping licenses and for the lifetime of the licensee, the lifetime licenses serve in lieu  
 3 of the equivalent annual license: Lifetime resident statewide hunting and trapping license; lifetime  
 4 resident combination statewide hunting, fishing, and trapping license; lifetime statewide fishing  
 5 license; and lifetime resident trout fishing license.

6 (b) The director shall propose a rule for legislative approval in accordance with §29A-3-1  
 7 et seq. of this code, setting the fees for the lifetime licenses. The rule shall provide that the fee for  
 8 any resident who has not reached his or her second birthday shall be one half of the adult fee set  
 9 under the rule. The rule shall also provide that the fee for any foster or adoptive child who has not  
 10 reached his or her second year from placement by the State of West Virginia in his or her current  
 11 home shall be one half of the adult fee set under the rule. The fees for lifetime licenses shall be  
 12 23 times the fee for the equivalent annual licenses or stamps.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow foster and adoptive children to obtain a lifetime hunting, fishing and trapping license within two years of their placement at the same rate as a child who has not reached his or her second birthday.

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