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House Bill 4073

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-2-28a, relating to sportsman’s license, awarding a lifetime hunting and fishing license to all volunteer firefighters upon 5 years of service.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-28a. Lifetime sportsman’s license for volunteer firefighters with 5 years of service.

(a) All volunteer firefighters with 5 years of service or greater shall be eligible to apply for a lifetime sportsman’s license which shall entitle them to hunt, trap, and fish in the State of West Virginia upon a one-time application and payment of the regular hunting and fishing license fee.

(b) The director shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29a-3-1 *et seq*. of this code setting forth the procedure for the lifetime licensure of sportsman under this section, setting the manner of applying for and receiving the license, and setting requirements as to identification while the sportsman is hunting, trapping, or fishing.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to award a lifetime hunting and fishing license to all volunteer firefighters upon 5 years of service.

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