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House Bill 4605

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to the Committee on the Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §20-2-33c, relating to West Virginia University Rifle Team electronic
3 application donation program; including solicitation for voluntary donation to West Virginia
4 University Rifle Team on electronic application for hunting or fishing license; providing
5 opportunity to designate donation in any amount; creating special account; establishing
6 funding sources; specifying terms for expenditures; authorizing disbursements and
7 administrative fee; and requiring annual reports.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-33c. Electronic application donation to West Virginia University Rifle Team; special fund created; authorized disbursements.

1 (a) Every electronic application for a hunting or fishing license shall include a solicitation
2 for a voluntary donation to the West Virginia University Rifle Team.

3 (b) The license applicant will be offered an opportunity to designate a donation in any
4 amount to the West Virginia University Rifle Team.

5 (c) There is created in the State Treasury a special revenue fund known as the West
6 Virginia University Rifle Team Program Fund. The fund shall be comprised of any money granted
7 by charitable foundations, allocated by the Legislature, allocated from federal agencies, all income
8 from the investment of money held in the fund, and all other money designated for deposit to the
9 fund from any source, public or private. The fund shall operate as a special revenue fund and all
10 deposits and payments into the fund do not expire to the General Revenue Fund but shall remain
11 in the account and be available for expenditure in succeeding fiscal years.

12 (d) Expenditures from the West Virginia University Rifle Team Program Fund shall be for
13 the purposes set forth in this section. The moneys in the West Virginia University Rifle Team
14 Program Fund will be paid out at least annually by the Director of the Division of Natural
15 Resources to the West Virginia University Foundation Rifle Team Account: *Provided*, That the

16 Division of Natural Resources shall deduct no more than five percent of donations derived under
17 this section as an administrative fee to recover processing costs prior to transferring any money
18 to the West Virginia University Foundation Rifle Team Account: *Provided, however,* That the
19 Division of Natural Resources is absolved of all responsibilities established pursuant to this
20 section if the West Virginia University Rifle Team ceases to exist.

21 (e) The agency shall, following the close of each fiscal year, prepare an annual report
22 detailing the categories of expenditures from the West Virginia University Rifle Team Program
23 Fund and listing all sources of revenue as well as a closing balance for the year. The report shall
24 be submitted in an electronic format to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance no later
25 than eight weeks after the close of the fiscal year.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the West Virginia University Rifle Team electronic application donation program. The bill includes solicitation for voluntary donation to West Virginia University Rifle Team on electronic application for hunting or fishing license. The bill provides opportunity to designate donation in any amount. The bill creates a special account. The bill establishes funding sources. The bill specifies terms for expenditures. The bill authorizes disbursements and administrative fee. Finally, the bill requires annual reports.

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