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Senate Bill 145

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NOTE

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the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the
Committee on 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 certain persons from fees for hunting, fishing,
 3 and trapping licenses and permits; providing that fees for hunting, trapping, and fishing
 4 licenses and permits are waived for certain 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 municipal volunteer firefighters applying for hunting, trapping and fishing licenses.

1 (a) For any person who serves as a municipal volunteer firefighter who would otherwise
 2 be required to have a license or permit to hunt, fish, or trap, the fee to obtain the license or permit
 3 that would otherwise be required by the director by legislative rules issued pursuant to §20-2-42
 4 of this code 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 municipal 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.