

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 3290

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Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
then the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-42x of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to modifying privileges of senior hunting and fishing licenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-42x. Class XS resident senior hunting, fishing and trapping license.

1 (a) A Class XS license is a resident senior hunting, fishing and trapping license and entitles
2 the licensee to hunt and trap for all legal species of wild animals and wild birds, to fish for all legal
3 species of fish and to take frogs in all counties of the state, except as prohibited by the rules of the
4 Director or Natural Resources Commission and when additional licenses, stamps or permits are
5 required. No additional fees shall be required of Class XS licensees for a Class CS stamp or a
6 Class O stamp.

7 (b) A Class XS licensee shall be entitled to participate with the same privileges and subject
8 to the same restrictions as a youth hunter in any special youth deer season established by the
9 Natural Resources Commission pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (b)(7), section 17, article
10 one of this chapter the following:

11 (1) For hunting and trapping licenses:

12 (A) One deer of either sex for archery, one antlered deer for a rifle, and one deer of either
13 sex with a muzzleloader;

14 (B) One gobbler turkey in spring season and one turkey of either sex in the fall season;

15 (C) One bear damage stamp;

16 (D) All small game in season;

17 (2) For fishing licenses:

18 (A) Basic fishing and trout stamp; and

19 (B) Conservation and national forest stamp are included with this license.

20 (c) A Class XS license is required for residents or aliens lawfully residing in the United
21 States who have been domiciled residents of West Virginia for a period of thirty consecutive days

22 or more immediately prior to the date of their application for a license and who reach sixty-five
23 years of age on or after January 1, 2012.

24 (d) A Class XS license may be voluntarily purchased by residents or aliens lawfully
25 residing in the United States and who have been domiciled residents of West Virginia for a period
26 of thirty consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of their application for a license
27 and who reach sixty-five years of age on or before December 31, 2011, entitling those persons to
28 the same privileges and subjecting them to the same restrictions as any Class XS licensee.

29 (e) The fee for the Class XS license is \$25.

30 (f) A Class XS license is valid for the lifetime of the purchaser without payment of additional
31 fees for the privileges associated with the Class X license, Class CS stamp and the Class O
32 stamp. This is a base license and does not require the purchase of a prerequisite license to
33 participate in the activities specified in this section, except as noted.

34 (g) The Division of Natural Resources shall coordinate with the Department of Motor
35 Vehicles to adopt and implement a program whereby the senior hunting license provided for in this
36 section shall be identified by an appropriate decal, sticker or other marking to be affixed to the
37 drivers' or chauffeurs' license of such person.

38 (h) On or before July 1 annually, the Division of Natural Resources shall file an annual
39 report with the joint committee on government and finance describing its implementation of the
40 senior license program as set forth in this section. The report shall include the number of licenses
41 issued, any increase in state funds as a result of the senior license created by this section, any
42 federal funds received as a result of the implementation of the senior license created by this
43 section and the intended use of those funds.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify the privileges of senior license holders for hunting and fishing.

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