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Senate Bill 75

FISCAL NOTE

By Senator Weld

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-2-63, relating to exempting certain persons from fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and permits; providing that fees for hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and permits are waived for certain volunteer firefighters; including eligibility requirements; requiring compliance with all other requirements to obtain license; and 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.

- (a) For any person who serves as a municipal volunteer firefighter who would otherwise be required to have a license or permit to hunt, fish, or trap, the fee to obtain the license or permit that would otherwise be required by the director by legislative rules issued pursuant to §20-2-42 of this code is waived.
- (b) To be eligible for this fee waiver, a person applying for a license or permit must submit an affidavit signed by the applicant's fire chief, stating that the applicant is a volunteer firefighter.
- (c) Any person seeking a fee waiver must provide all other information required by the director for issuance of the license and must comply with all other provisions of law relating to the applicable license or permit that is sought.
- (d) The director may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the 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.