

1 **H. B. 2042**

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3 (By Delegates Ennis, Swartzmiller, Shaver and Williams)

4 [Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
5 Committee on Natural Resources then the Judiciary.]
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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-42n and §20-2-42p of the Code of
11 West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to allowing
12 unused Class RG and RRG deer stamps to be used to hunt and
13 take antlerless deer during the appropriate season.

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

15 That §20-2-42n and §20-2-42p of the Code of West Virginia,
16 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

18 **§20-2-42n. Class N resident and Class NN nonresident antlerless**
19 **deer hunting stamp.**

20 A Class N stamp is a resident deer hunting stamp for
21 antlerless deer. A Class NN stamp is a nonresident deer hunting
22 stamp for antlerless deer. These stamps entitle the licensee to
23 hunt and take antlerless deer of either sex during the Class N
24 season. The fee for a Class N stamp is \$10 and the fee for a Class

1 NN stamp is \$25. Class N and NN stamps may be issued only for the
2 purpose of removing antlerless deer when the director determines it
3 essential for proper management of the wildlife resources. A Class
4 RG resident or Class RRG nonresident gun deer hunting stamp, issued
5 pursuant to section forty-two-p of this article, that was not used
6 during the regular season, may be used in place of the Class N and
7 Class NN stamp authorized by this section, if the director
8 determines it is essential for the proper management of the
9 wildlife resources. The director may promulgate rules governing
10 the issuance and use of the Class N and NN stamps as deemed
11 necessary to limit, on a fair and equitable basis, the number of
12 persons who may hunt for antlerless deer in a county, or part of a
13 county. When the director determines it essential that a Class N
14 or NN season be held in a particular county or part of a county,
15 that season ~~shall be~~ is set by the Natural Resources Commission as
16 provided in section seventeen, article one of this chapter. Bona
17 fide resident landowners or their resident children, or resident
18 parents, bona fide resident tenants of such land and bona fide
19 resident stockholders of resident corporations which are formed for
20 the primary purpose of hunting or fishing and which are the fee
21 simple owners of no less than one thousand acres of land upon which
22 the antlerless deer may be hunted are not required to have a Class
23 N stamp in their possession while hunting antlerless deer on their
24 own land during the Class N season. A resident hunter, including

1 those not required to purchase a license pursuant to section
2 twenty-seven of this article, must purchase and carry a valid Class
3 N stamp. A nonresident hunter must purchase and carry a valid
4 Class NN stamp. These stamps require that the licensee purchase
5 the appropriate base license before participating in the activities
6 specified in this section, except as noted.

7 **§20-2-42p. Class RG resident and Class RRG nonresident gun deer**
8 **hunting stamp for an additional deer.**

9 The director has the authority to issue a Class RG resident
10 and a Class RRG nonresident gun deer hunting stamp when deemed
11 essential for the proper management of the wildlife resources.
12 These stamps allow the licensee to hunt and take an additional deer
13 as designated by the director. A Class RG resident or Class RRG
14 nonresident gun deer hunting stamp, issued pursuant to this section
15 that is not used during the regular season, may be used in place of
16 the Class N and Class NN stamp authorized by section forty-two-n of
17 this article, if the director determines it is essential for the
18 proper management of the wildlife resources. The fee for a Class
19 RG stamp is \$20 and the fee for a Class RRG stamp is \$40. The
20 director may promulgate rules in accordance with article three,
21 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code governing the issuance and use
22 of these stamps. These stamps require that the licensee purchase
23 the appropriate base license before participating in the activities
24 specified in this section, except as noted.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow unused Class RG and RRG deer stamps to be used to hunt and take antlerless deer during the appropriate season.

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