

1 **§20-2-42c. Class C courtesy statewide hunting and fishing license.**

2 (a) A Class C license is a courtesy hunting and fishing
3 license and entitles the licensee to hunt and fish in all counties
4 of this state. It may be issued by the director upon application
5 made to him or her and without fee to:

6 (1) Members and agents of the United States Fish and Wildlife
7 Service;

8 (2) Members of state commissions of other states extending
9 similar courtesies;

10 (3) Diplomatic and consular representatives of foreign
11 countries;

12 (4) Persons engaged in scientific wildlife research;

13 (5) Nonresident outdoor writers and other nonresidents engaged
14 in promoting an interest in the natural resources of the State of
15 West Virginia.

16 ~~Not more than one hundred courtesy licenses shall may be~~
17 ~~issued in one year under this subsection.~~ This is a base license
18 and does not require the purchase of a prerequisite license to
19 participate in the activities specified in this section, except as
20 noted.

21 (b) In addition to the licenses issued under subsection (a) of

1 this section, upon application demonstrating a person is qualified
2 under this subsection, the director shall issue a free Class C
3 license to any current member of the West Virginia National Guard,
4 its reserve, honorably discharged veterans and military retirees
5 for a one-time \$100 fee for West Virginia residents and one-time
6 \$125 fee for out-of-state residents. The license is valid during
7 the time the member serves in the National Guard or its Reserves,
8 upon full retirement from the National Guard or Reserves, and upon
9 honorable discharge or retirement from any branch of the armed
10 forces including the United States Coast Guard. The member or
11 veteran is entitled to a Class C license which is valid for the
12 remainder of the member's life; this does not include yearly tags
13 and special hunting and fishing stamps. Honorable discharge (DD214
14 NGB22 Retirement orders), retired or membership status in the armed
15 forces or the National Guard and its reserve must be verified by
16 the West Virginia Department of Veterans assistance and the
17 verification will be submitted with application and fee prior to
18 issuance of license.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is issue Class C statewide hunting and fishing licenses to active members of the West Virginia National Guard or its reserve, and lifetime licenses to veterans of all branches of the armed services for a one-time fee.

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