

Senate Bill No. 414

(By Senators Laird and Miller)

[Introduced March 1, 2013; referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

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NOTE**

A BILL amend and reenact §20-2-32 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to issuing hunting and fishing licenses; and clarifying who are license-issuing authorities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §20-2-32 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-32. Issuance of licenses; duplicate licenses.

(a) The clerk of the county commission ~~in each county and or~~ other persons designated by the director ~~shall be~~ pursuant to section thirty-three of this article are license-issuing authorities ~~Each license-issuing authority shall issue~~ authorized to issue a license to ~~a license~~ an applicant if ~~in the opinion of the authority,~~ the license applicant is legally entitled to obtain

1 the license applied for and pays the proper fee.

2 **(b)** ~~All~~ Materials and supplies ~~necessary~~ for the issuance of
3 licenses shall be furnished by the director to each ~~person~~
4 ~~authorized to issue licenses~~ license-issuing authority as needed.

5 **(c)** Each license shall bear a serial number and shall be
6 signed by the licensee. The ~~issuing~~ license-issuing authority
7 shall keep an accurate record ~~in the form and manner prescribed by~~
8 ~~the director,~~ of all licenses issued and ~~of all money~~ fees
9 collected ~~as license fees~~ as prescribed by the director.

10 **(d)** Any license-issuing authority may issue a duplicate
11 license to replace a lost, destroyed or damaged license upon
12 receipt of a verified application ~~duly~~ executed by the original
13 ~~license holder~~ licensee and ~~the payment to the issuing authority~~ of
14 a duplicate license fee of \$1.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to update the law pertaining to the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses. It clarifies who are license issuing authorities.

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