

1 **H. B. 4476**

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3 (By Delegates D. Evans, Cooper, Eldridge,  
4 Williams, Hamilton, Staggers, Lynch, Ireland,  
5 Ambler and Pino)  
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7 [Introduced February 11, 2014; referred to the  
8 Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources then  
9 Finance.]

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

10 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2B-7 of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended, relating to allowing any person who was  
12 born in West Virginia to purchase a resident lifetime hunting,  
13 trapping or fishing license.

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

15 That §20-2B-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
16 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 2B. WILDLIFE ENDOWMENT FUND.**

18 **§20-2B-7. Lifetime hunting, fishing and trapping licenses created.**

19 (a) Pursuant to section three of this article, the Director  
20 may issue the following lifetime hunting, fishing and trapping  
21 licenses and for the lifetime of the licensee, the lifetime  
22 licenses serve in lieu of the equivalent annual license: Lifetime  
23 resident statewide hunting and trapping license; lifetime resident  
24 combination statewide hunting, fishing and trapping license;  
25 lifetime statewide fishing license; and lifetime resident trout

1 fishing license: Provided, That any person who can establish by  
2 birth certificate that he or she was born in West Virginia is  
3 eligible to purchase any of the resident lifetime licenses offered  
4 under the provisions of this section irrespective of that person's  
5 current state of residence: Provided, however, That a full-time  
6 nonresident student who attends an in-state college or university  
7 is not eligible to purchase any of these lifetime licenses.

8 (b) The Director shall propose a rule for legislative approval  
9 in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this  
10 code, setting the fees for the lifetime licenses. The rule shall  
11 provide that the fee for any resident who has not reached his or  
12 her second birthday shall be one half of the adult fee set under  
13 the rule. The fees for lifetime licenses shall be twenty-three  
14 times the fee for the equivalent annual licenses or stamps.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow any person who was born in West Virginia to purchase a resident lifetime hunting, trapping or fishing license.

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