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House Bill 4389

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to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural
Resources then the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-42a, §20-2-42q, §20-2-42s and §20-2-42v of the Code of
 2 West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to crossbow hunting; prohibiting the use of
 3 a crossbow with a Class A hunting and trapping license, permitting crossbow hunting with
 4 Class RB and Class RRB licenses, permitting crossbow hunting with a Class UU license;
 5 and permitting crossbow hunting with a Class BG stamp.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §20-2-42a, §20-2-42q, §20-2-42s and §20-2-42v of the Code of West Virginia, 1931,
 2 as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-42a. Class A resident hunting and trapping license.

1 A Class A license is a resident hunting and trapping license and entitles the licensee to
 2 hunt and trap all legal species of wild animals and wild birds in all counties of the state, except
 3 that the licensee may not hunt deer during the deer archery, crossbow and muzzle-loader
 4 seasons, or black bear, wild turkey or wild boar during the respective seasons, and except as
 5 prohibited by rules of the Director or Natural Resources Commission and when additional
 6 licenses, stamps or permits are required. It shall be issued only to residents or aliens lawfully
 7 residing in the United States who have been domiciled residents of West Virginia for a period of
 8 thirty consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of their application for a license. The
 9 fee for the license is \$18. This is a base license and does not require the purchase of a
 10 prerequisite license to participate in the activities specified in this section, except as noted.

**§20-2-42q. Class RB resident and Class RRB nonresident archery deer hunting stamp for
 an additional deer.**

1 The director has the authority to issue a Class RB resident and a Class RRB nonresident
 2 archery/crossbow deer hunting stamp when deemed essential for the proper management of the
 3 wildlife resources. This stamp allows the licensee to hunt and take an additional deer as
 4 designated by the director. The fee for a Class RB stamp is \$20 and the fee for a Class RRB

5 stamp is \$35. The director may promulgate rules in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-
6 nine-a of this code governing the issuance and use of these stamps. These stamps require that
7 the licensee purchase the appropriate base license before participating in the activities specified
8 in this section, except as noted.

§20-2-42s. Class UU nonresident archery deer hunting stamp.

1 A Class UU stamp is a nonresident archery/crossbow deer hunting stamp and entitles the
2 licensee to hunt and take deer with a bow during the archery deer season or with a crossbow in
3 the crossbow deer season in all counties of the state, except as prohibited by the rules of the
4 Director or Natural Resources Commission. The fee for a Class UU stamp is \$30. The stamp,
5 issued in a form prescribed by the director, shall be in addition to a Class E license. This stamp
6 requires that the licensee purchase the appropriate base license before participating in the
7 activities specified in this section, except as noted.

§20-2-42v. Class BG resident big game stamp.

1 A Class BG stamp is a resident big game stamp and entitles the Class A licensee to hunt
2 deer during the deer archery, crossbow and muzzleloader seasons, and bear, wild turkey and
3 wild boar during the respective seasons, except as prohibited by rules of the Director or Natural
4 Resources Commission: *Provided*, That the licensee possesses all other required permits and/or
5 stamps. The fee for the stamp is \$10. The stamp, issued in a form prescribed by the director, shall
6 be in addition to a Class A license. This stamp requires that the licensee purchase the appropriate
7 base license before participating in the activities specified in this section, except as noted.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the use of a crossbow with a Class A hunting and trapping license. The bill permits crossbow hunting with Class RB, Class RRB, and Class UU licenses and with a Class a BG stamp.

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