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Senate Bill 29

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[Introduced February 8, 2017; referred
to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the
Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-42x of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to allowing a person to purchase a Class XS resident senior hunting, fishing and trapping
3 license at the beginning of the year he or she becomes sixty-five, if otherwise eligible.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §20-2-42x of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-42x. Class XS resident senior hunting, fishing and trapping license.

1 (a) A Class XS license is a resident senior hunting, fishing and trapping license and entitles
2 the licensee to hunt and trap for all legal species of wild animals and wild birds, to fish for all legal
3 species of fish and to take frogs in all counties of the state, except as prohibited by the rules of
4 the Director or Natural Resources Commission and when additional licenses, stamps or permits
5 are required. No additional fees ~~shall~~ may be required of Class XS licensees for a Class CS
6 stamp or a Class O stamp.

7 (b) A Class XS licensee ~~shall be~~ is entitled to participate with the same privileges and
8 subject to the same restrictions as a youth hunter in any special youth deer season established
9 by the Natural Resources Commission pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (b)(7), section
10 17, article one of this chapter.

11 (c) A Class XS license is required for residents or aliens lawfully residing in the United
12 States who have been domiciled residents of West Virginia for a period of thirty consecutive days
13 or more immediately prior to the date of their application for a license and who reach sixty-five
14 years of age on or after January 1, 2012. Beginning on January 1 of the year he or she becomes
15 sixty-five or the date he or she meets the thirty-day residency requirement, whichever occurs later,
16 an applicant for a Class XS is eligible for the license.

17 (d) A Class XS license may be voluntarily purchased by residents or aliens lawfully
18 residing in the United States and who have been domiciled residents of West Virginia for a period

19 of thirty consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of their application for a license
20 and who reach sixty-five years of age on or before December 31, 2011, entitling those persons to
21 the same privileges and subjecting them to the same restrictions as any Class XS licensee.

22 (e) The fee for the Class XS license is \$25.

23 (f) A Class XS license is valid for the lifetime of the purchaser without payment of
24 additional fees for the privileges associated with the Class X license, Class CS stamp and the
25 Class O stamp. This is a base license and does not require the purchase of a prerequisite license
26 to participate in the activities specified in this section, except as noted.

27 (g) The Division of Natural Resources shall coordinate with the Department of Motor
28 Vehicles to adopt and implement a program whereby the senior hunting license provided ~~for~~ in
29 this section shall be identified by an appropriate decal, sticker or other marking to be affixed to
30 the drivers' or chauffeurs' license of ~~such~~ the person.

31 (h) On or before July 1 annually, the Division of Natural Resources shall file an annual
32 report with the Joint Committee on Government and Finance describing its implementation of the
33 senior license program as set forth in this section. The report shall include the number of licenses
34 issued, any increase in state funds as a result of the senior license created by this section, any
35 federal funds received as a result of the implementation of the senior license created by this
36 section and the intended use of those funds.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow a person to purchase a Class XS resident senior hunting, fishing and trapping license at the beginning of the year he or she becomes sixty-five, if otherwise eligible.

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