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for

House Bill 2696

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[Introduced January 10, 2018; Referred 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; clarifying that the use
3 of crossbows with Class A hunting and trapping license during big game seasons requires
4 additional licenses, stamps or permits (with exception of buck firearms seasons);
5 permitting crossbow hunting with Class RB and Class RRB licenses; permitting crossbow
6 hunting with Class UU licenses; and permitting crossbow hunting with Class BG stamp.

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

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, big game as~~
5 ~~provided in §20-2-42v of this code,~~ and except as prohibited by rules of the Director or Natural
6 Resources Commission and when additional licenses, stamps or permits are required. It shall be
7 issued only to residents or aliens lawfully residing in the United States who have been domiciled
8 residents of West Virginia for a period of thirty consecutive days or more immediately prior to the
9 date of their application for a license. The fee for the license is \$18. This is a base license and
10 does not require the purchase of a prerequisite license to participate in the activities specified in
11 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 deer hunting stamp when deemed essential for the proper management of the wildlife
3 resources. This stamp allows the licensee to hunt and take an additional deer during the deer
4 archery or crossbow seasons as designated by the director. The fee for a Class RB stamp is \$20

5 and the fee for a Class RRB stamp is \$35. The director may promulgate rules in accordance with
6 article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code governing the issuance and use of these stamps.
7 These stamps require that the licensee purchase the appropriate base license before participating
8 in the activities specified 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 deer hunting stamp and entitles the licensee
2 to hunt and take deer with a bow during the archery deer season or with a crossbow in the
3 crossbow deer season in all counties of the state, except as prohibited by the rules of the Director
4 or Natural Resources Commission. The fee for a Class UU stamp is \$30. The stamp, issued in a
5 form prescribed by the director, shall be in addition to a Class E license. This stamp requires that
6 the licensee purchase the appropriate base license before participating in the activities specified
7 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 and stamps, or both. The fee for the stamp is \$10. The stamp, issued in a form prescribed by the
6 director, shall be in addition to a Class A license. This stamp requires that the licensee purchase
7 the appropriate base license before participating in the activities specified in this section, except
8 as noted.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify that the use of a crossbow for hunting big game requires additional licenses, stamps or permits (with exception of buck firearms season) 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 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.