

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Enrolled**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 470**

SENATORS CLINE, HAMILTON, PITSENBARGER, SYPOLT,

ROBERTS, AND AZINGER, *original sponsors*

[Passed February 11, 2020; in effect 90 days from  
passage]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §20-2-5g of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to the use of a crossbow to hunt; decreasing length of crossbow bolt; and specifying  
3 measurement method.

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

**ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

**§20-2-5g. Use of a crossbow to hunt.**

1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, any person lawfully  
2 entitled to hunt may hunt with a crossbow during big game firearms season. A person who  
3 possesses a valid Class Y permit may also hunt with a crossbow in accordance with §20-2-42w  
4 of this code. Further, the director shall designate a separate season for crossbow hunting and  
5 identify which species of wildlife may be hunted with a crossbow.

6 (b) Only crossbows meeting all of the following specifications may be used for hunting in  
7 West Virginia:

8 (1) The crossbow has a minimum draw weight of 125 pounds;

9 (2) The crossbow has a working safety; and

10 (3) The crossbow is used with bolts and arrows not less than 16 inches in length as  
11 measured from the leading end of the shaft, including the insert, to the trailing end of the shaft,  
12 including the nock, with a broad head having at least two sharp cutting edges, measuring at least  
13 three fourths of an inch in width.



The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

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*Chairman, House Committee*

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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Day of ....., 2020.

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*Governor*