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Senate Bill 2008

**FISCAL
NOTE**

BY SENATORS BLAIR (MR. PRESIDENT) AND BALDWIN

(By Request of the Executive)

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1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §20-2-33c, all relating to West Virginia University Rifle Team Electronic
3 Application Donation Program; including solicitation for voluntary donation to West Virginia
4 University Rifle Team on electronic application for hunting or fishing license; providing
5 opportunity to designate donation in any amount; creating special account; establishing
6 funding sources; specifying terms for expenditures; authorizing disbursements and
7 administrative fee; and requiring annual reports for two years.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-33c. Electronic application donation to West Virginia University Rifle Team; special fund created; authorized disbursements.

1 (a) Every electronic application for a hunting or fishing license shall include a solicitation
2 for a voluntary donation to the West Virginia University Rifle Team.

3 (b) The license applicant will be offered an opportunity to designate a donation in any
4 amount to the West Virginia University Rifle Team. The Director of the Division of Natural
5 Resources shall deposit any donations made by an applicant to the special revenue account
6 created in subsection (c) of this section.

7 (c) There is created in the State Treasury a special revenue fund known as the West
8 Virginia University Rifle Team Program Fund. The fund shall be comprised of all moneys donated
9 through an electronic application for a hunting or fishing license as authorized by this section, any
10 moneys appropriated by the Legislature, and any income from the investment of money held in
11 the fund. The fund shall operate as a special revenue fund and all deposits and payments into
12 the fund do not expire to the General Revenue Fund but shall remain in the account and be
13 available for expenditure in succeeding fiscal years.

14 (d) Expenditures from the West Virginia University Rifle Team Program Fund shall be for
15 the purposes set forth in this section. The moneys in the West Virginia University Rifle Team
16 Program Fund will be paid out at least annually by the Director of the Division of Natural
17 Resources to the West Virginia University Rifle Team Account: *Provided*, That the Division of
18 Natural Resources shall deduct no more than five percent of donations derived under this section
19 as an administrative fee to recover processing costs prior to transferring any money to the West
20 Virginia University Rifle Team Account: *Provided, however*, That the Division of Natural
21 Resources is absolved of all responsibilities established pursuant to this section if the West
22 Virginia University Rifle Team ceases to exist.

23 (e) The Division of Natural Resources shall, following the close of each fiscal year for the
24 two years following the creation of the fund, prepare an annual report detailing the categories of
25 expenditures from the West Virginia University Rifle Team Program Fund and listing all sources
26 of revenue as well as a closing balance for the year. The report shall be submitted in an electronic
27 format to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance no later than eight weeks after the
28 close of the fiscal year.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a program to raise voluntary donations to the West Virginia University Rifle Team by including the option on an electronic application for hunting or fishing license.

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