

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2024 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

### Senate Bill 242

FISCAL  
NOTE

By Senator Weld

[Introduced January 11, 2024; referred to  
the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources;  
and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §20-2-63, relating to exempting certain persons from fees for hunting, fishing,  
 3 and trapping licenses and permits; providing that fees for hunting, trapping, and fishing  
 4 licenses and permits are waived for certain volunteer firefighters; including eligibility  
 5 requirements; requiring compliance with all other requirements to obtain license; and  
 6 granting rule-making authority.

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

**ARTICLE                      2.                      WILDLIFE                      RESOURCES.**

**§20-2-63. Waiver of fees for municipal volunteer firefighters applying for hunting, trapping,  
 and fishing licenses.**

1 (a) For any person who serves as a municipal volunteer firefighter who would otherwise be  
 2 required to have a license or permit to hunt, fish, or trap, the fee to obtain the license or permit that  
 3 would otherwise be required by the director by legislative rules issued pursuant to §20-2-42 of this  
 4 code is waived.

5 (b) To be eligible for this fee waiver, a person applying for a license or permit must submit  
 6 an affidavit signed by the applicant's fire chief, stating that the applicant is a volunteer firefighter.

7 (c) Any person seeking a fee waiver must provide all other information required by the  
 8 director for issuance of the license and must comply with all other provisions of law relating to the  
 9 applicable license or permit that is sought.

10 (d) The director may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the  
 11 provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code setting forth application and processing procedures.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to waive the fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses  
 or permits for individuals who are currently serving as municipal volunteer firefighters.

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