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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 474

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[Originating in the Committee on Natural Resources;

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to hunting licenses; and exempting the list of names, addresses and contact information
3 for license holders from public disclosure with certain exceptions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §20-2-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-27. Necessity for license; contact information exempted.

1 ~~Except as otherwise provided by law, no resident who has reached his or her fifteenth~~
2 ~~birthday and who has not reached his or her sixty fifth birthday before January 1, 2012, and no~~
3 ~~nonresident shall at any time take, hunt, pursue, trap for, kill or chase any wild animals, wild birds,~~
4 ~~or fish for, take, kill or catch any fish, amphibians or aquatic life of any kind whatsoever in this~~
5 ~~state without first having secured a license or permit and then only during the respective open~~
6 ~~seasons, except that a nonresident who has not reached his or her fifteenth birthday may fish for,~~
7 ~~take, kill or catch any fish, amphibians or aquatic life of any kind whatsoever in this state without~~
8 ~~first having secured a license or permit. A person under the age of fifteen years shall not hunt or~~
9 ~~chase any wild animals or wild birds upon lands of another unless accompanied by a licensed~~
10 ~~adult.~~

11 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, a resident between the ages of fifteen and sixty-
12 five, and all nonresidents, may not hunt or take wildlife of any kind in this state without the requisite
13 license, stamp or permit, and then only during the respective open seasons. A resident who is
14 fourteen or younger may hunt and take wildlife without a license if accompanied by a licensed
15 adult. A resident and nonresident who is fourteen or younger may fish for and take fish,
16 amphibians or aquatic life without a license.

17 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, A a resident or nonresident member of any club,
18 organization or association, or persons owning or leasing a game preserve, or fish preserve, plant

19 or pond ~~in this state shall~~ may not hunt or fish therein without ~~first securing a~~ the requisite license,
20 stamp or permit ~~as required by law~~: *Provided*, That resident landowners or their resident children,
21 or bona fide resident tenants of land, may, without a ~~permit or license,~~ stamp or permit, hunt and
22 fish on their own land during the respective open seasons ~~in accordance with laws and rules~~
23 ~~applying to such hunting and fishing~~ unless the lands have been designated as a wildlife refuge
24 or preserve.

25 (c) Licenses, stamps and permits shall be of the kinds and classes are set forth in this
26 article and ~~shall be conditioned upon the~~ require payment of the requisite fees ~~established for the~~
27 ~~licenses and permits~~.

28 (d) The list of names, addresses and other contact information of all licensees compiled
29 and maintained by the division as a result of the sale and issuance of any resident or nonresident
30 license, stamp or permit, as well as any electronic game information or other personal information
31 obtained pursuant to this chapter, is exempt from disclosure by the division under the Freedom
32 of Information Act, chapter twenty-nine-b of this code, and for any other purpose: *Provided*, That
33 the records specified in this section shall be available to all law-enforcement agencies, courts or
34 other governmental entities authorized to request or receive the records.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt the list of names, addresses and contact information for hunting license holders from public disclosure with certain exceptions.

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