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House Bill 2636

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[Introduced January 24, 2019; Referred

to the Committee on Fire Departments and

Emergency Medical Services then 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 volunteer firefighters from fees for hunting,

3   fishing and trapping licenses and permits; providing that fees for hunting, trapping and

4   fishing licenses and permits are waived for 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 volunteer firefighters applying for hunting, trapping and fishing licenses.

1   (a) For any person who serves as a volunteer firefighter who would otherwise be required

2   to have a license or permit to hunt, fish, or trap, the fee to obtain the license or permit that would

3   otherwise be required by the director by legislative rules issued pursuant to §20-2-42 of this code

4   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 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.