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to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to
the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2B-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to allowing foster parents to purchase lifetime hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses for
 3 their foster children.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2B. WILDLIFE ENDOWMENT FUND.

§20-2B-7. Lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses created.

1 (a) Pursuant to §20-2B-3 of this code, the director may issue the following lifetime hunting,
 2 fishing, and trapping licenses and for the lifetime of the licensee, the lifetime licenses serve in lieu
 3 of the equivalent annual license: Lifetime resident statewide hunting and trapping license; lifetime
 4 resident combination statewide hunting, fishing, and trapping license; lifetime statewide fishing
 5 license; and lifetime resident trout fishing license.

6 (b) The director shall propose a rule for legislative approval in accordance with §29A-3-1
 7 *et seq.*, of this code, setting the fees for the lifetime licenses. The rule shall provide that the fee
 8 for any resident who has not reached his or her second birthday shall be one half of the adult fee
 9 set under the rule. The rule shall also provide that the fee for any resident who has not reached
 10 his or her 12th birthday and has been legally adopted, shall be provided with a period of two years
 11 from the date of entry of the order or decree of adoption to obtain his or her lifetime license at one
 12 half of the adult fee set under the rule. The fees for lifetime licenses shall be 23 times the fee for
 13 the equivalent annual licenses or stamps.

14 (c) In addition to the provisions in subsection (b) of this section for adopted children, foster
 15 parents may also purchase a lifetime license for their respective foster children under the same
 16 guidelines.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow foster parents to purchase lifetime hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses for foster children.

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