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House Bill 4441

By Delegates Horst, Summers Riley, Espinosa, Rowan, Maynard, Young, Skaff, Phillips, Dean and Bridges

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 the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources then Government Organization.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-2-42aa, relating to creating a Class M air rifle stamp; providing for when the stamp is applicable; and providing for when the stamp is required.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-42aa. Class M air rifle hunting stamp.

A Class M stamp entitles the licensee to hunt, as otherwise permitted by the provisions of this chapter, with an air rifle during big game seasons in all counties of this state, except as prohibited by the rules of the director or Natural Resources Commission, and as established annually by the director, with an air rifle consistent with the provisions of this chapter: *Provided*, That the Class M stamp may not be valid unless the licensee has in his or her possession a valid resident or nonresident base hunting license or is exempt from licensure requirements pursuant to §20-2-27 and §20-2-28 of this code. The fee for a Class M stamp shall be $8.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a Class M air rifle stamp which permits a hunter to hunt big game with an air rifle, as otherwise permitted by law.

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