

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 689**

By Senator Maynard

[Introduced February 20, 2023; referred  
to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural  
Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §20-2-43, relating to establishing Class WV resident and Class WVV  
 3 nonresident, wildlife view stamps; and authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to  
 4 propose legislative rules for the cost of the stamps and the appropriate uses thereof.

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

**ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.**

**§20-2-43. Class WV resident and Class WVV nonresident wildlife viewing stamp.**

1 A Class WV stamp is a resident wildlife viewing stamp. A Class WVV stamp is a  
 2 nonresident wildlife viewing stamp. These stamps entitle a Class Q hunting permit holder to view  
 3 wildlife in all counties of the state, except as prohibited by rules of the director, on state-owned  
 4 property and roads, including fire roads, select access roads, and roads that normally are gated,  
 5 in a regularly licensed vehicle, and excluding all utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs) and all-terrain  
 6 vehicles (ATVs), regardless of registration status as a street legal special purpose vehicle. The fee  
 7 for Class WV and Class WVV stamps shall be proposed by the director for legislative approval  
 8 pursuant to the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code. The revenue derived from the sale of  
 9 these stamps shall be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the Division of Natural  
 10 Resources and shall be used and paid out, upon order of the director, for wildlife resource program  
 11 expenses. These stamps, issued in a form prescribed by the director, shall be in addition to a  
 12 hunting or fishing license or Class Q permit. These stamps require that the licensee purchase an  
 13 appropriate base hunting or fishing license, as determined by the director, before participating in  
 14 the activities specified in this section. This section may not apply to Coopers Rock State Forest or  
 15 Kanawha State Forest.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a wildlife viewing program through an additional stamp or endorsement upon a state-issued hunting or fishing license.

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