## **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

## Introduced

## **Senate Bill 153**

FISCAL NOTE

By Senator Weld

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §20-2-63, relating to exempting certain persons from fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and permits; providing that fees for hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and permits are waived for certain volunteer firefighters; including eligibility requirements; requiring compliance with all other requirements to obtain license; and granting rule-making authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: WILDLIFE ARTICLE 2. RESOURCES. §20-2-63. Waiver of fees for municipal volunteer firefighters applying for hunting, trapping, fishing and licenses. 1 (a) For any person who serves as a municipal volunteer firefighter who would otherwise be 2 required to have a license or permit to hunt, fish, or trap, the fee to obtain the license or permit that 3 would otherwise be required by the director by legislative rules issued pursuant to §20-2-42 is 4 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. 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 municipal 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.