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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 4176

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[Passed March 13, 2026; in effect 90 days from
passage (June 11, 2026)]

1 AN ACT to amend §20-2-42x of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, removing Class
2 XS licensees from participation in youth deer season privileges; relating to clarifying what
3 licensees are authorized to hunt deer during any Special Youth Deer Season.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

CHAPTER 20. NATURAL RESOURCES.

ARTICLE 2. WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

§20-2-42x. Class XS resident senior hunting, fishing and trapping license.

1 (a) A Class XS license is a resident senior hunting, fishing and trapping license and entitles
2 the licensee to hunt and trap for all legal species of wild animals and wild birds, to fish for all legal
3 species of fish and to take frogs in all counties of the state, except as prohibited by the rules of
4 the Director or Natural Resources Commission and when additional licenses, stamps or permits
5 are required. No additional fees shall be required of Class XS licensees for a Class CS stamp or
6 a Class O stamp.

7 (b) A Class XS license is required for residents or aliens lawfully residing in the United
8 States who have been domiciled residents of West Virginia for a period of 30 consecutive days
9 or more immediately prior to the date of their application for a license and who reach 65 years of
10 age on or after January 1, 2012.

11 (c) A Class XS license may be voluntarily purchased by residents or aliens lawfully residing
12 in the United States and who have been domiciled residents of West Virginia for a period of 30
13 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of their application for a license and who
14 reach 65 years of age on or before December 31, 2011, entitling those persons to the same
15 privileges and subjecting them to the same restrictions as any Class XS licensee.

16 (d) The fee for the Class XS license is \$25.

17 (e) A Class XS license is valid for the lifetime of the purchaser without payment of
18 additional fees for the privileges associated with the Class X license, Class CS stamp and the

19 Class O stamp. This is a base license and does not require the purchase of a prerequisite license
20 to participate in the activities specified in this section, except as noted.

21 (f) The Division of Natural Resources shall coordinate with the Department of Motor
22 Vehicles to adopt and implement a program whereby the senior hunting license provided for in
23 this section shall be identified by an appropriate decal, sticker or other marking to be affixed to
24 the drivers' or chauffeurs' license of such person.

25 (g) On or before July 1 annually, the Division of Natural Resources shall file an annual
26 report with the joint committee on government and finance describing its implementation of the
27 senior license program as set forth in this section. The report shall include the number of licenses
28 issued, any increase in state funds as a result of the senior license created by this section, any
29 federal funds received as a result of the implementation of the senior license created by this
30 section and the intended use of those funds.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Day of, 2026.

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Governor