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*Emergency*

The Honorable A. James Manchin  
Secretary of State of West Virginia  
State Capitol Building  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On May 8, 1984, emergency regulations were filed in the state register, designated Series IV-B, governing hunting with a pistol or revolver. House Bill 1025, passed February 8, 1984, in effect ninety days from passage, approved the hunting with pistol or revolver, and these emergency regulations were filed pending approval of permanent regulations by the Legislature.

As a result of recommendations received during the public hearing, it is necessary to amend these emergency regulations, and two copies of the amended regulations are enclosed for filing in the state register, to remain in effect for 180 days from the original filing date or until such date as legislative approval is received of the permanent regulations.

Sincerely,

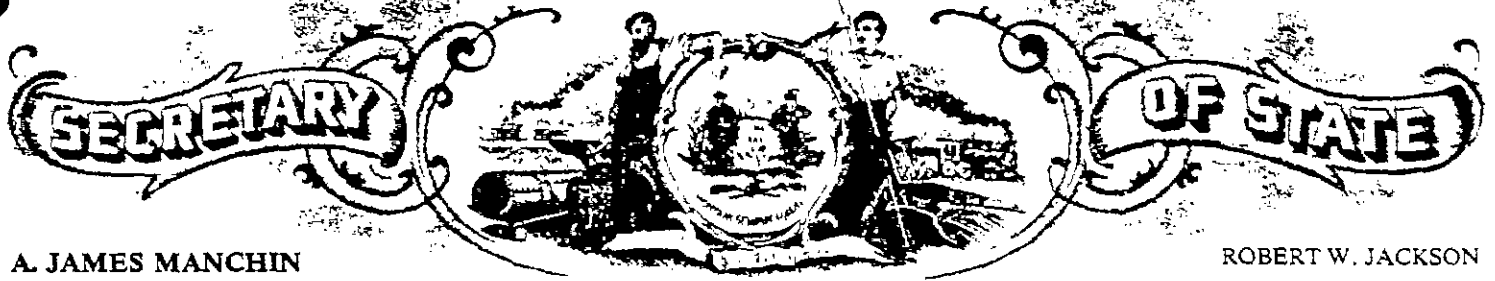
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STATE REGISTER FILING

I, Willis H. Hertig, Jr., Director  
Title or Position

Department of Natural Resources, hereby submit to records in the  
State Register on 8 1/2 x 11" two (2) copies of

- proposed rules and regulations concerning topics of material not covered by existing rules and regulations;
- proposed rules and regulations superseding rules and regulations already on file;
- final rules and regulations
- notice of hearing;
- after hearing, findings and determinations;
- emergency rules and regulations, statement of facts-circumstances
- legislative  procedural  interpretive regulations
- other -specify \_\_\_\_\_

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This filing pertains to

CHAPTER 20 ARTICLE 2 SECTION 40b  
of the West Virginia Code, 1931, as amended.

SERIES IV-B, SECTION 1-4 PAGE NO. 1-2  
of the Administrative Code, as amended.

August 28, 1984  
Date Submitted

Willis H. Hertig, Jr.  
Signature of Person Authorizing this Filing

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Department of Natural Resources  
Chapter 20-1  
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Rules and Regulations Governing Small Arms Hunting

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Subject: Rules and Regulations Governing Small Arms Hunting Administrative Law Division

Section 1. General

1.01. Scope - These are emergency rules and regulations to regulate hunting with small arms (pistol or revolver) hunting in West Virginia.

1.02. Authority - These regulations are issued under authority of the West Virginia Code, §20-1-7 and §20-2-40b (passed February 8, 1984; in effect ninety days from passage).

1.03. Filing Date - These regulations were filed in the state register on May 8, 1984, and are hereby refiled with amendments, to become effective immediately, and shall remain in effect for 180 days from the date of original filing or until such date as permanent regulations are approved by the Legislature.

Section 2. General Small Arms Hunting Rules

2.01. No person shall hunt deer, bear or wild boar with any pistol or revolver using a straight-walled case of less than .357 magnum cartridge, a bottle-necked case of less than .24 caliber, or a muzzle-loading pistol of less than .44 caliber.

2.02. It shall be lawful to hunt woodchuck in the open fields with a pistol or revolver.

2.03. It shall be unlawful to hunt between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise with any pistol or revolver larger than .22 caliber.

Section 3. Volunteer Training Program

3.01. The Department of Natural Resources shall contract with pistol and rifle organizations, sportsmen's groups, and any other interested organizations, to provide an approved National Rifle Association course on safety and proficiency in the use of handguns. Such course shall be available on a voluntary basis to all persons who hold proper hunting licenses who are twenty-one years of age or older.

Section 4. Transporting Small Arms

4.01. When the pistol or revolver is being transported in a vehicle that does not have an exterior locked compartment, the pistol or revolver shall be unloaded and carried in a locked box or compartment which shall not be readily accessible to the passengers of the vehicle.