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CHARLESTON 25305

A. JAMES MANCHIN SECRETARY OF STATE

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March 3, 1980

DAVID C, CALLAGHAN
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The Honorable A. James Manchin Secretary of State of West Virginia State Capitol Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed are two copies of a proposed amendment to West Virginia Administrative Regulations covering the Hunting and Trapping Regulations, designated Series IV of Chapter 20-1. The amendment has been changed in accordance with findings and determinations resulting from the public hearing held on February 26, 1980. Copy enclosed.

The above to be filed in the State Register and to become law at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

David C. Callagnan

Director

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Enclosures

cc: Legislative Rule Making Review Committee (transmitted with 17 copies of the proposed amendment)

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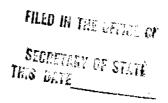
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Representing the West Virginia Bear Hunters Association
with 500 members
Route 2, Box 14B
Rainelle, West Virginia

Mr. Ryder opposes the proposed amendment to West Virginia's Administrative Regulations, as written, on a statewide basis. He noted that if only Ohio residents could participate in the reciprocal agreement, he would not be opposed to the regulation. He does not want other states to be allowed to participate.

Mr. Ryder is especially concerned about bear being chased in counties not open to bear hunting; although these counties have resident bear populations. It was pointed out there have been bear sightings in 28 counties, 18 of which do not have a bear season.

It was also noted that it took approximately 8-10 years to obtain the present dog training bill, and should not be altered now.

Signed

John W. Ryder Jr

Date

February 26, 1980

Burnie Toger Crastree Stayne County Gentlemen, I am here Javoring allowing nonresidents of other states to be allowed to train their Cops in our states when our residents are allowed to train their dogs here. at the present time we grahibit now-residents from doing so except during hunting season. The problem is that Oble law to the same for non-residents as the law is in the state where the non-resident resides, therefor, Itest Virginians are prohibited from punting in this during training season because Ohioons are prohibited fee If Thest Virginia would change its regulation. te allow now residents to train here, our coon and for hunters would then be allowed to run their dogs there during training season in Ohio. Id years our cookhunters and fox hunters have been allowed to run their dogs in Ohio during training season, but now with the Ohio and Itest Virginia changes they cannot do so. This Creates a great problem to our raccoon hunters duce to the fact there is such a scarcity of raccoon in southern and western I test Virginia I feel that this change would herefit aler Coonhunters and forthunters greatly in This area

WEST VIRGINIA SNOWSHOE HARE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

RT. 1 - BOX 59

MONTROSE, WEST VIRGINIA 26283

February 20, 1980

Mr. Bob Mills DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Motor Vehicles Building 1800 Washington Street, East Charleston, West Virginia 25305

RE: Training of Dogs by Non-Residents in West Virginia

Dear Mr. Mills:

The West Virginia Snowshoe Hare Association would like to voice it's support of dog training in West Virginia by non-residents. We feel that to restrict the training of dogs in West Virginia in any fashion is to voice anti-hunting sentiment and perpetuate false stigmas attached to the training of dogs. It should be recognized that the training of dogs, to a great number of people, is a recreation in its self; and to prohibit such activity or limit it in various ways is to curtail a particular form of recreation that is an end in itself.

However, in addition to being in favor of non-residents training dogs in West Virginia, we are very strongly in favor of rescinding the amendment that prohibits anyone from training dogs in the so-called bear counties of West Virginia.

It seems totally without reason to say "We have an enforcement problem with dog training in the bear counties that might (to what degree no one has been able to substantiate) lead to illegal bear kills" and then create an additional law, which creates additional enforcement problems that have already been identified by the DNR to be deficient to alleviate the original problem.

To restrict in any way one part of the state concerning dog training, especially non-bear dogs such as beagles and bird dogs, etc., is without justification and with disregard to the majority of interests in order to achieve a specialized goal of bear management.

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To thom it may Concern: This letter is written in behalf of the Wayne County Coonhunters association in regard to the present law which prohibits residents of West Virginia from training or hunting dogs in the state of ohio, when our season or theirs is Closed. We surge the commettee to change the present law to allow ohio residents to train their dogs in West Virginia, it by doing this, West Virginia residents would be allowed to train their dogs in ohio as we've done in post years. The reason we are so concerned about this is due to the searcity of raccoon in this area Dery Truly yours Eugene Thay Tresident-layne County Confunters 78 125 St. Kenova, WVa. 25530

PHONE - 453-2237



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

February 22, 1980

DAVID C. CALLAGHAN Director

> Mr. Bob Miles, Chief Wildlife Resources Division Dept. of Natural Resources 1800 Wahsington St. E. Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Bob,

In response to the News Release sent out by our Department on February 14, 1980, regarding a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on a proposal for allowing nonresidents to train their dogs in West Virginia, I would like to offer the following.

I would like to call your attention to Chapter 20-2-5 (26) of the Code of West Virginia, wherein it states, "Provided further, that nonresidents shall not train dogs in this State at any time except during the legal small game season."

That same section also points out that "small game season" is a determined period of time and not a year round event.

Therefore, in my humble opinion, that statute clearly prohibits dog training by nonresidents in West Virginia except at specified times and any change comtemplated would have to be accomplished by Legislative action and not by administrative regulation.

Respectfully,

W.F. Armstrong

Sgt. Kanawha County

cc: Colonel R.V. Eye



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