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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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IRA S. LATIMER, Jr.  
Director

June 1, 1972

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller, IV  
Secretary of State of West Virginia  
State Capitol Building  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Enclosed are two copies of West Virginia Administrative Regulations relative to the Class A-1 Small Arms Hunting License, designated as Section 12, Series IV of Chapter 20-1.

Also enclosed are two copies of the revised General Outline.

I hereby certify that the enclosed regulations are true and accurate copies of official regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Ira S. Latimer, Jr.  
Director

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Series IV

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2.19. It is illegal to have a bow and gun, or have a gun and any arrow or arrows, in the fields or woods at the same time.

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## Section 12. Class A-1 Small Arms Hunting License Regulations

## 12.01. Procedure for obtaining a Class A-1 License:

(a) Applicant must be a bona fide resident of West Virginia, 21 years of age or older.

(b) Must possess a valid Class A or AB License, or Senior Citizen License for those residents 65 years of age or older. (Such license must be presented to agent when obtaining Class A-1 License.)

(c) A-1 License may be obtained from any authorized hunting and fishing license agent (excluding county clerks).

(d) Accreditation card must be presented to agent in order to obtain A-1 License. If the accreditation card has not been issued, a valid West Virginia driver's license may be substituted.

(e) The A-1 License must be signed in the presence of the issuing agent.

(f) The cost of Class A-1 License shall be \$5.00 plus 25¢ issuing fee. The license shall expire on December 31 of each year.

12.02. A Class A-1 License shall entitle the licensee to hunt with a pistol or revolver not to exceed .22 caliber (rimfire or center fire) having a barrel at least four inches in length.

12.03. While hunting, the licensee shall carry the .22 caliber pistol or revolver in a holster, outside his person, in an unconcealed and easily visible place. At all other times, the revolver or pistol shall be cased or dismantled in a way to cause it not to operate.

12.04. When being transported in a vehicle, the .22 caliber pistol or revolver shall be unloaded and locked in a compartment not accessible from the inside of such vehicle.

When being transported in a vehicle which 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 occupants of the front seat.

When being transported in an off-road recreation vehicle, the pistol or revolver must be unloaded and carried in a locked box or compartment.

12.05. A .22 caliber pistol or revolver may be carried while trapping.

12.06. A .22 caliber pistol or revolver may be used only during small game and big game season, as established.

12.07. It shall be unlawful to:

(a) Take beaver, muskrat, mink or fisher with a .22 caliber pistol or revolver.

(b) Take migratory game birds with a .22 caliber pistol or revolver.

(c) Have a bow and firearm of any kind in the fields or woods at the same time.

(d) Carry a pistol or revolver while fishing.

(e) Take bear or deer with a .22 caliber pistol or revolver.

(f) Carry a .22 caliber pistol or revolver during the first three days of deer season.

(g) To have the .22 caliber pistol or revolver loaded when  
not actually hunting.