

**TITLE 58
LEGISLATIVE RULE
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SERIES 23
REVOCAION OF HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES**

SUMMARY

Series 23 establishes procedures to govern the revocation and restoration of hunting and fishing licenses and the assignment of points for violations of hunting or fishing laws and rules.

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CIRCUMSTANCE

The Division of Natural Resources seeks to increase the point value awarded against an individuals license to six points for violations of Chapter 20-2-5(4); hunt for, take, kill, wound or shoot at wild animals or wild birds from an airplane, or other airborne conveyance, or an automobile, or other land conveyance. The current points awarded on a violation of this section is four.

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULE

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Type of Rule XX **Legislative** _____ **Interpretive** _____ **Procedural**

Agency DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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1. Effect of Proposed Rule

	ANNUAL			FISCAL YEAR	
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTE R
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0
CURRENT EXPENSE	0	0	0	0	0
REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0

2. Explanation of above estimates: This change will have no fiscal impact on this agency or the State of West Virginia.

3. Objective of these rules: Increases the point value awarded against an individuals license when they violate the provisions of Chapter 20-2-5(4).

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4. Explanation of overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government: None

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific Groups of Citizens: None

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large: None

Date: June 25, 1999

**Signature of Agency or
Authorized Representative:**


JOHN B. RADER, DIRECTOR

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§58-23-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This legislative rule establishes procedures to govern the revocation and restoration of hunting and fishing licenses and the assignment of points for violations of hunting or fishing laws and rules regulations.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §20-1-7(30).

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

§58-23-2. Definitions.

2.1. "Division" means the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

2.2. "Director" means the director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

2.3. "License" means a hunting or fishing license, and any associated tags or stamps, issued by the Division in accordance with provisions of W. Va. Code §§20-2-1 et seq or 20-2B-1 et seq.

2.4. "Lifetime License" means a Class A-L, Class AB-L, Class B-L, or Class O-L license issued by the Division in accordance with the provisions of W. Va. Code §20-2B-1 et seq.

§58-23-3. Revocation of Licenses.

3.1. A license or licenses shall be revoked by the Division for the following causes:

3.1.1. Negligent Shooting. Except as provided in Section 5.1.1 of these rules regulations, the hunting licenses of any person convicted of negligent shooting under the provisions of W. Va.

Code §20-2-57 shall be revoked and license privileges shall be suspended for a period of five (5) years. The suspension period will begin on the date of conviction.

3.1.2. Amassed Points. The hunting or fishing licenses of any person who amasses ten (10) or more points in any two-year period shall be revoked and license privileges shall be suspended for a period of two (2) years. The suspension period will begin on the date on which the ten-point (10) total was reached.

3.1.3. False Application. The hunting or fishing licenses of any person who obtained the licenses under false pretenses or otherwise in violation of the provisions of W. Va. Code §20-2-30 shall be revoked and license privileges shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year. The suspension period will begin on the date of License revocation.

3.1.4. Illegal Bear Kill. The hunting and fishing licenses of any person convicted of killing a bear in violation of the provisions of W. Va. Code §20-2-22a shall be revoked and license privileges shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year. The suspension period will begin on the date of conviction.

3.1.5. Failure to Pay Fines. The hunting or fishing licenses of any person who fails to pay the costs, fines, forfeitures, or penalties imposed by a magistrate court under the provisions of W. Va. Code §50-3-2a for a violation of the State's hunting or fishing laws or rules ~~regulations~~ shall be revoked and license privileges shall be suspended until such time that the costs, fines, forfeitures, or penalties are paid in full.

3.2. Should any person be convicted of violating State hunting or fishing statutes or rules ~~regulations~~ during the period when his/her license privileges have been suspended, the suspension period shall be extended for an additional two (2) years from the date of conviction for the latest offense.

3.3. Upon revoking the license of any person, the Division shall immediately send written notification of the revocation to the licensee by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address given by the licensee on his/her license application.

§58-23-4. Surrender of Licenses.

4.1. A person must surrender his or her license to the Division or the clerk of any county commission within ten (10) days after receiving notification that the license has been revoked.

4.1.1. A clerk of a county commission, upon receiving a surrendered license, shall immediately transmit the license to the Division.

4.2. A person must surrender his or her license to the Division prior to requesting an opportunity for a hearing before the Division under the provisions of Section 8 of these rules regulations.

§58-23-5. Restoration of License Privileges.

5.1. Except as provided in Subdivisions 5.1.1, 5.1.2, and 5.1.3 of these rules regulations, any person whose license has been revoked may again purchase such license upon the expiration of the period of suspension set forth in Section 3 of these rules regulations.

5.1.1. Any person convicted of an offense under W. Va. Code §20-2-57, other than a negligent shooting which has resulted in the killing of a human being, may, after the expiration of two (2) years from the date of conviction, submit a written petition to the director seeking the restoration of all hunting license privileges. If the director, upon a hearing and full investigation, finds that the petitioner has paid and satisfied all claims against him or her and the circumstances at the time and the nature of the offense indicate that he or she is not likely again to commit a like or similar offense and that the public good does not require that the petitioner's license privileges remain suspended, the director may enter an order restoring full license privileges to the petitioner.

5.1.2. Any person whose license privileges have been suspended for failure to pay the costs, fines, forfeitures, or penalties imposed by a magistrate court under the provisions of W. Va. Code §50-3-2a must, upon the expiration of the period of suspension, pay a reinstatement fee of fifty dollars (\$50) to the Division in order to regain license privileges.

a. If the license for which privileges were suspended was a lifetime license, the Division will return the original license to the licensee upon the receipt of the reinstatement fee.

b. If the license for which privileges were suspended would otherwise continue in effect after the expiration of the period of suspension, the Division will return the original license to the licensee upon the receipt of the reinstatement fee.

c. If the license for which privileges were suspended would otherwise have expired prior to the expiration of the period of suspension, the licensee must pay the reinstatement fee to the Division prior to again purchasing the license that had been revoked.

5.1.3. The Division will return a lifetime license revoked in accordance with the provisions of Subdivisions 3.1.1, 3.1.2, or 3.1.4 of these rules regulations to the licensee upon the expiration of the period of license suspension.

§58-23-6. Assignment of Points.

6.1. Except as provided in Subsections 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 of these rules regulations, the Division will assign four (4) points to a person for any violation of hunting or fishing laws or rules regulations.

6.2. The Division will assign ten (10) points to any person found guilty of violating W. Va. Code §20-2-5(3) -- using any artificial light in hunting, locating, attracting, taking, trapping, or killing any wild bird or wild animal (except opossum, raccoon, or skunk), or to attempt to do so, while having in his or her possession or subject to his or her control, or for any person accompanying him or her

to have in his or her possession or subject to his or her control, any firearm, bow, or other implement or device suitable for taking, killing or trapping a wild bird or animal.

6.3. The Division will assign ten (10) points to any person found guilty of violating W. Va. Code §20-2-5(20) -- using dynamite or any like explosive or poisonous mixture placed in any waters of the State for the purpose of killing or taking fish.

6.4. The Division will assign six (6) points to any person found guilty of violating any of the following:

6.4.1. W. Va. Code §20-2-4: Illegal possession of wildlife or any part thereof. The Division will not assign points to any person possessing wildlife or any part thereof that was legally taken during the respective open season.

6.4.2. W. Va. Code §20-2-11: Illegal sale of wildlife.

6.4.3. W. Va. Code §20-2-5(~~28~~) (27): Illegally killing deer, boar or turkey.

6.4.4. W. Va. Code §20-2-5(4): Hunt for, take, kill, wound or shoot at wild animals or wild birds from an airplane or other airborne conveyance, or an automobile, or other land conveyance.

§58-23-7. Removal of Points.

7.1. The Division will remove points on their second anniversary or upon the restoration of license privileges.

§58023-8. Hearing and Appeal Procedures.

8.1. Request for Hearing. Upon receipt of a notice of revocation, the licensee may request an opportunity for a hearing before the Division. Such request must be made in writing to the director within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the revocation notice.

8.2. Hearings. A hearing will be held by the Division within thirty (30) days after the receipt of a written request from the licensee, conditional upon the receipt of his or her surrendered license in

accordance with the provisions of Subsection 4.2 of these rules ~~regulations~~. The hearing may be conducted in the county in which the licensee resides or any other county designated by the director. A duly authorized agent of the director shall act as the hearings officer. Within thirty (30) days after the hearing, the hearings officer shall issue a finding, and the reasons therefor, that either upholds or rescinds the revocation. The Division shall immediately send written notification of the finding to the licensee.

8.3. Appeals. The finding of the hearings officer constitutes a final order appealable under the provisions of W. Va. Code §29A-5-4.

§58-23-9. License Fee Refunds.

9.1. No person whose license has been revoked under the provisions of these rules ~~regulations~~ is eligible for a license fee refund.

9.2. When more than one license of the same class has been purchased for a person in a given year, that person is eligible for a refund for the additional licenses upon the presentation of proof of purchase.