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A Bill

SENATE BILL 486

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By: Representative Fortner

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE FOR A TROUT SPECIAL PERMIT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR A LIFETIME TROUT STAMP AND A LIFETIME COMBINATION TROUT AND STATE DUCK STAMP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE FOR A TROUT SPECIAL PERMIT; TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE FOR THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE FOR A TROUT SPECIAL PERMIT AND THE FEE FOR A LIFETIME TROUT STAMP AND LIFETIME COMBINATION TROUT AND STATE DUCK STAMP.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Trout fishing in Arkansas annually generates an estimated one hundred eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000);

(2) Trout fishing brings in revenue to the state through tourism, which is Arkansas's second leading industry;

(3) Trout fishing supports Arkansans who work in the multi-million dollar tourism industry and Arkansans who are avid trout anglers;

(4) Arkansas anglers and nonresident anglers trust the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission to provide quality trout fishing



opportunities;

(5) Trout do not naturally reproduce well in most Arkansas waters and need to be grown and stocked with the help of hatcheries and Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission staff;

(6) Hatchery renovations are needed in order to maintain trout production levels at hatcheries in the state and to support Arkansas's trout-fishing industry; and

(7) An increase in funding is necessary for hatchery renovations, trout management, and improvements in fishing opportunities in the state.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that an increase in the special annual fee for a trout special permit will provide the necessary funding for hatchery renovations, trout management, and improvements in fishing opportunities in the state.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(b)(2), concerning trout special permit and special annual fee required for resident fishing licensees, is amended to read as follows:

(2) In addition to the annual resident fishing license fee authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be required for the privilege of fishing for trout in this state to obtain a special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(d)(2), concerning a resident lifetime hunting and fishing license, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The commission shall offer a resident issued a lifetime hunting and fishing license under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section, a hunting-only license or a fishing-only license under subdivision (d)(1)(B) of this section, or a hunting license or a fishing license issued under § 15-42-128:

(A) A lifetime trout stamp for a one-time fee of ~~five~~ ten dollars ~~(\$5.00)~~ (\$10.00);

(B) A lifetime state duck stamp for a one-time fee of seven dollars (\$7.00); or

(C) Both a lifetime trout stamp and a lifetime state duck stamp for a one-time fee of ~~twelve~~ seventeen dollars ~~(\$12.00)~~ (\$17.00).

/s/Irvin

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