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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1763

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES; TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM FEES FOR A YOUTH LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FOR RESIDENTS TEN (10) YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO ASSESS A TRANSACTION FEE FOR CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM FEES FOR A YOUTH LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FOR RESIDENTS TEN (10) YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER; AND TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSACTION FEE FOR CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(d)(1)(B), concerning hunting and fishing licenses for residents, is amended to read as follows:

(B) May provide for the issuance of:

(i) A lifetime hunting and fishing license, with an optional lifetime trout stamp and lifetime state duck stamp, to a resident of this state who is ten (10) years of age or younger for a one-time fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00);

(ii) A lifetime hunting-only license or a lifetime



fishing-only license for a fee that shall not exceed the fee that the resident would be charged otherwise for the issuance of a lifetime license under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section;

~~(ii)~~ (iii) An annual resident sportsman hunting license to a resident of the state who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older for a fee not to exceed three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50);

~~(iii)~~ (iv) An annual resident fishing license to a resident of the state who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older for a fee not to exceed three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50); and

~~(iv)~~ (v) An annual resident combination hunting and fishing license to a resident of the state who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older for a fee not to exceed four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50).

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(d)(2), concerning lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for residents, 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 or subdivision (d)(1)(B)(i) of this section, a lifetime hunting-only license or a lifetime fishing-only license under subdivision (d)(1)(B) of this section, or a lifetime hunting license or a lifetime fishing license ~~issued~~ under § 15-42-128:

(A) A lifetime trout stamp for a one-time fee of ten dollars (\$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 seventeen dollars (\$17.00).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104, concerning hunting and fishing licenses for residents, is amended to add subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f)(1) When a resident purchases a license, permit, or stamp with an approved credit card, debit card, or other electronic payment method, the commission may assess a transaction fee not to exceed the fee the payment processor charges the commission for allowing the commission to accept the approved credit card, debit card, or other electronic payment method as the resident's payment for the license, permit, or stamp.

(2) The transaction fee authorized under subdivision (f)(1) of this section shall be in addition to the fees and maximum fees set forth in this chapter.

**APPROVED: 4/12/23**