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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 458

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR RESIDENTS; TO CHANGE THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE FROM SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR RESIDENTS; AND TO CHANGE THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE FROM SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(a)-(c), concerning the fee for hunting and fishing licenses for residents, are amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident basic hunting license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older for the privilege of taking small game and the taking of one (1) deer by the use of a modern center-fire firearm shall be as provided by the regulations and within the bag limits promulgated by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission but shall not exceed eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50).

(2) The maximum fee for the annual resident sportsman hunting



license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older for the privilege of taking three (3) deer and all other game by any method of taking shall be as provided by the regulations and within the bag limits promulgated by the commission but shall not exceed twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each.

(3) In addition to the annual resident basic and sportsman hunting license fees authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that any resident of this state who is ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older be required:

(A) For the privilege of hunting migratory birds in this state, to obtain a special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed seven dollars (\$7.00) each;

(B) For the privilege of taking a bonus deer in addition to the deer authorized with the basic hunting license and the sportsman hunting license, to obtain a special permit and pay a special fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) each; and

(C) For the privilege of hunting elk in this state, to obtain a special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) each.

(4) Nothing contained herein is intended to restrict the authority of the commission to charge any resident of the state an additional fee solely for the purpose of entering upon and hunting upon any land owned or leased by the commission.

(b)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident fishing license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be as provided by the regulations promulgated by the commission but shall not exceed eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) each.

(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)~~ eighteen (18) 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 ten dollars (\$10.00).

(3) In lieu of the annual resident fishing license fee authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that any resident of this state ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older be authorized to purchase a three-day-trip fishing license for a fee not to exceed seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) each.

(c) The maximum fee for the annual resident combination sportsman hunting and fishing license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older for all hunting and fishing privileges except those covered by the migratory bird and trout permits shall be as provided by the regulations and within the bag limits as promulgated by the commission but shall not exceed thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50).

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-42-106(b), concerning the requirements for a resident fishing license, is amended to read as follows:

(b) It shall also be unlawful for any person more than ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age who is a resident of this state to take or attempt to take fish by means of net seines or gigs without first procuring a resident fishing license.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-42-110 is amended to read as follows:  
15-42-110. Three-day fishing license.

The maximum fee for a three-day fishing license for any resident in the State of Arkansas who is ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older but less than sixty-five (65) years of age shall not exceed six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) each.