

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 523

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR RESIDENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES ALLOWING A ONE-TIME FEE ADJUSTMENT BASED ON CERTAIN CRITERIA; TO REQUIRE REVIEW BY AND REPORTS TO THE GAME AND FISH/STATE POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES ALLOWING A ONE-TIME FEE ADJUSTMENT TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR RESIDENTS BASED ON CERTAIN CRITERIA; AND TO REQUIRE REPORTING BY THE COMMISSION.

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

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

(e) For this section, the commission may promulgate rules that:

- (1) Define "resident" and "totally disabled"; ~~and~~
- (2) Govern the sale and use of each license, permit, or stamp issued under this section-; and
- (3)(A) Allow a one-time adjustment for an increase or decrease



in the amount of the maximum fee, also known as the baseline maximum, for each resident license, permit, or stamp set forth in subsections (a) through (d) of this section so long as the total fee for each license, permit, or stamp after the adjustment does not exceed:

(i) Two (2) times the baseline maximum; or

(ii) The sum of the baseline maximum and its proportional fee adjustment based upon the total increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers issued by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics since the baseline maximum was established or last adjusted.

(B) The commission shall provide a report to the Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee of the Legislative Council for administrative review of the fee adjustment under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104, concerning hunting and fishing licenses for residents, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(f) The commission shall provide a quarterly report to the subcommittee of the Legislative Council regarding commission activities related to hunting and fishing licenses for residents.