

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 670

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES ALLOWING FEE ADJUSTMENT TO RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES BASED ON CERTAIN CRITERIA; AND TO REQUIRE REPORTING.

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 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)-(d) of this section in accordance with the following:

(i) Beginning July 1, 2021, each adjusted maximum fee, also known as the "adjusted maximum", shall not exceed sixty-five percent (65%) of the present value of the baseline maximum, as calculated using the Consumer Price Index;

(ii) From July 1, 2026, until June 30, 2031, each adjusted maximum may be increased by up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the adjusted maximum previously determined under subdivision (e)(3)(A)(i) of this section; and

(iii) On or after July 1, 2031, each adjusted maximum may be increased by up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the adjusted maximum amount previously determined under subdivision (e)(3)(A)(ii) of this section.

(B) The commission shall provide a semiannual report to the Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee of the Legislative Council for administrative review of the total amount of increased fees for resident licenses, permits, or stamps collected as a result of the fee adjustments under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section.

(f) As used in this section:

(1) "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, all items, not seasonally adjusted, 1982-1984 equals 100 reference base, as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

(2) "Present value" means an amount calculated by multiplying the baseline maximum by a fraction whose numerator is the Consumer Price Index for the month of the proposed adjustment and whose denominator is the Consumer Price Index for the month when the baseline maximum was established or last adjusted.