

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

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 697

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE MAXIMUM RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES CHARGED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION; TO REQUIRE REVIEW BY AND REPORTS TO THE GAME AND FISH/STATE POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE MAXIMUM RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES; AND TO REQUIRE REVIEW BY AND REPORTS TO THE GAME AND FISH/STATE POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104 is amended to read as follows:

15-42-104. Hunting and fishing licenses for residents – Special fees.

(a)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident basic hunting license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) 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)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

(2) The maximum fee for the annual resident sportsman hunting license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or older for the privilege of taking ~~three (3)~~ the legal bag limit of 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)~~ thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) 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) years of age or older be required+

~~(A) For~~ for the privilege of hunting migratory birds in this state, to obtain a ~~special:~~

(A) Special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed ~~seven dollars (\$7.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00) each; and

(B) Federally required Harvest Information Program registration.

~~(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) 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)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00) 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) years of age or older be required for the privilege of fishing for trout in this state to obtain a special permit, also known as a trout stamp, 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) 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)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00) 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) years of age or older for all hunting and fishing privileges except those covered by the ~~migratory bird~~ waterfowl 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)~~ forty-two dollars (\$42.00) each.

(d)(1) The commission:

(A) Shall provide for the issuance of a lifetime hunting and fishing license, with an optional lifetime trout ~~stamp~~ permit and lifetime state ~~duck stamp~~ waterfowl permit, to a resident of this state who is:

(i) Sixty-five (65) years of age or older for a one-time fee of ~~thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50)~~ forty-two dollars (\$42.00);

(ii) ~~Any age~~ Eighteen (18) years of age or under for a one-time fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000); ~~or~~

Nineteen (19) years of age or older for a one-time fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500); or

~~(iii)~~(iv) Sixty (60) years of age or older who is a regular or nonregular retiree of the armed services of the United States for

a one-time fee of thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50); and

(B) May provide for the issuance of:

(i) 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) 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)~~ five dollars (\$5.00);

(iii) 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)~~ five dollars (\$5.00); and

(iv) 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)~~ seven dollars (\$7.00).

(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~~ permit for a one-time fee of ten dollars (\$10.00);

(B) A lifetime state ~~duck-stamp~~ waterfowl permit for a one-time fee of ~~seven dollars (\$7.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00); or

(C) Both a lifetime trout ~~stamp~~ permit and a lifetime state ~~duck-stamp~~ waterfowl permit for a one-time fee of ~~seventeen dollars (\$17.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00).

(3) The commission:

(A) Shall provide for the issuance of a three-year disabled hunting and fishing license to a resident of this state who is totally disabled for a fee of thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50); and

(B) May provide for the issuance of a hunting-only license or a fishing-only license to a resident of this state who is totally disabled for a fee that shall not exceed thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50).

(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) Periodically adjust the fee for each license, permit, or stamp under subsections (a)-(d) of this section if the fee increases for each license, permit, or stamp do not exceed the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), rounded up to the next whole dollar over the period of time since the last fee adjustment or change.

(f) Beginning July 1, 2022, 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 license, permit, and stamp fees collected each fiscal year.