

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Representative Purdom**

# A Bill

**ACT 369 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1478**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §15-42-104 TO REGULATE  
9 RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES; TO REPEAL  
10 ARKANSAS CODE §19-6-301; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 19-6-701;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TO  
15 REGULATE RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING  
16 LICENSE FEES."

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

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

23 "§15-42-104. Hunting and fishing licenses for residents - Special fees.

24 (a) (1) The maximum fee for the annual resident basic hunting license  
25 for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or  
26 older, for the privilege of taking small game and the taking of one (1) deer  
27 by the use of a modern center-fire firearm shall be as provided by the  
28 regulations and within the bag limits promulgated by the Arkansas State Game  
29 and Fish Commission, but shall not exceed eleven dollars and fifty cents  
30 (\$11.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten  
31 dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50).

32 (2) The maximum fee for the annual resident sportsman hunting  
33 license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of  
34 age or older for the privilege of taking three (3) deer and all other game by  
35 any method of taking shall be as provided by the regulations and within the  
36 bag limits promulgated by the Commission, but shall not exceed twenty-six

1 dollars (\$26.00) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to  
2 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each.

3           (3) In addition to the annual resident basic and sportsman  
4 hunting license fees authorized in this subsection, the Commission, by  
5 regulation, may provide that any resident of this state who is sixteen (16)  
6 years of age or older be required for the privilege of hunting migratory birds  
7 in this state to obtain a special permit and pay a special annual fee not to  
8 exceed seven dollars (\$7.00) each; and for the privilege of taking a bonus  
9 deer in addition to the deer authorized with the basic hunting license and the  
10 sportsman hunting license, to obtain a special permit and pay a special fee  
11 not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) each.

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

16           (b)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident fishing license for any  
17 resident of the state of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or older  
18 shall be as provided by the regulations promulgated by the commission, but  
19 shall not exceed eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) each until July 1,  
20 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten dollars and fifty cents  
21 (\$10.50) each.

22           (2) In addition to the annual resident fishing license fee  
23 authorized in this subsection, the commission, by regulation, may provide that  
24 any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be required for  
25 the privilege of fishing for trout in this state to obtain a special permit  
26 and pay a special annual fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00).

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

33           (c) The maximum fee for the annual resident combination sportsman  
34 hunting and fishing license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is  
35 sixteen (16) years of age or older for all hunting and fishing privileges,

1 except those covered by the migratory bird and trout permits, shall be as  
2 provided by the regulations and within the bag limits as promulgated by the  
3 commission, but shall not exceed thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50)  
4 each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to thirty-five  
5 dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50).

6 (d) The commission may provide for the issuance of permanent hunting or  
7 fishing licenses, excluding the privileges covered by the migratory bird and  
8 trout permits, to a resident of this state who is sixty-five (65) years of age  
9 or older for fees not to exceed the cost of annual resident licenses.

10 (e) The commission may provide for the issuance of a lifetime resident  
11 sportsman's hunting and fishing permit to a resident of this state at any age  
12 for a fee not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each."

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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated §19-6-301(63) is hereby repealed.

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16 SECTION 3. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission shall be exempt from  
17 the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-5-203(b)(2)(A) with respect to all revenues  
18 collected for the support of the Game and Fish Commission with the exception  
19 of those revenues as specified in subdivision (20) of § 19-6-301.

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21 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
22 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
23 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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25 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
26 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
27 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
28 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
29 act are declared to be severable.

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31 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
32 hereby repealed.

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34 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
35 Assembly that Amendment Number 35 to the Arkansas Constitution requires the

1 General Assembly to establish the maximum annual resident hunting and fishing  
2 license fees that may be charged by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission;  
3 that Amendment 35 to the Arkansas Constitution requires all fees, monies, or  
4 funds arising from all sources by the operation and transaction of the  
5 Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to be deposited in the Game Protection Fund  
6 in the State Treasury; and that the immediate passage of this Act is necessary  
7 to enable the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to efficiently operate the  
8 game and fish program. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist  
9 and this Act, being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
10 peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after  
11 its passage and approval.

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