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A Bill

SENATE BILL 670

5
6 By: Senator Caldwell
7 By: Representative Wardlaw

8 Filed with: Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development
9 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

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

- 34 (1) Define “resident” and “totally disabled”; ~~and~~
35 (2) Govern the sale and use of each license, permit, or stamp
36 issued under this section; and

1 (3)(A) Allow adjustment for an increase or decrease in the
2 amount of the maximum fee, also known as the "baseline maximum", for each
3 resident license, permit, or stamp set forth in subsections (a)-(d) of this
4 section in accordance with the following:

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

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

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

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

22 (f) As used in this section:

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

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

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34 Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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