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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 523

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6 By: Representative Wardlaw  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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20 TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND  
21 FISH COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES  
22 ALLOWING A ONE-TIME FEE ADJUSTMENT TO  
23 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR  
24 RESIDENTS BASED ON CERTAIN CRITERIA; AND  
25 TO REQUIRE REPORTING BY THE COMMISSION.  
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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30 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(e), concerning special fees for  
31 hunting and fishing licenses for residents, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

36 (3)(A) Allow a one-time adjustment for an increase or decrease



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

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

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

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

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

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