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A Bill

SENATE BILL 697

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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24 AND FISH/STATE POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104 is amended to read as follows:
30 15-42-104. Hunting and fishing licenses for residents – Special fees.

31 (a)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident basic hunting license
32 for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or
33 older for the privilege of taking small game and the taking of one (1) deer
34 by the use of a modern center-fire firearm shall be as provided by the
35 regulations and within the bag limits promulgated by the Arkansas State Game
36 and Fish Commission but shall not exceed ~~eleven dollars and fifty cents~~



1 ~~(\$11.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten~~
 2 ~~dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

3 (2) The maximum fee for the annual resident sportsman hunting
 4 license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years
 5 of age or older for the privilege of taking ~~three (3)~~ the legal bag limit of
 6 deer and all other game by any method of taking shall be as provided by the
 7 regulations and within the bag limits promulgated by the commission but shall
 8 not exceed ~~twenty six dollars (\$26.00) each until July 1, 1997, when the~~
 9 ~~maximum fee shall revert to twenty five dollars (\$25.00)~~ thirty-two dollars
 10 (\$32.00) each.

11 (3) In addition to the annual resident basic and sportsman
 12 hunting license fees authorized in this subsection, the commission by
 13 regulation may provide that any resident of this state who is sixteen (16)
 14 years of age or older be required+

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

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

19 (B) Federally required Harvest Information Program
 20 registration.

21 ~~(B) For the privilege of taking a bonus deer in addition~~
 22 ~~to the deer authorized with the basic hunting license and the sportsman~~
 23 ~~hunting license, to obtain a special permit and pay a special fee not to~~
 24 ~~exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) each; and~~

25 ~~(C) For the privilege of hunting elk in this state, to~~
 26 ~~obtain a special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed thirty-~~
 27 ~~five dollars (\$35.00) each.~~

28 (4) Nothing contained herein is intended to restrict the
 29 authority of the commission to charge any resident of the state an additional
 30 fee solely for the purpose of entering upon and hunting upon any land owned
 31 or leased by the commission.

32 (b)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident fishing license for any
 33 resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or older
 34 shall be as provided by the regulations promulgated by the commission but
 35 shall not exceed ~~eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) each until July 1,~~
 36 ~~1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten dollars and fifty cents~~

1 ~~(\$10.50)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00) each.

2 (2) In addition to the annual resident fishing license fee
3 authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that
4 any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be required for
5 the privilege of fishing for trout in this state to obtain a special permit,
6 also known as a trout stamp, and pay a special annual fee not to exceed ten
7 dollars (\$10.00).

8 (3) In lieu of the annual resident fishing license fee
9 authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that
10 any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be authorized
11 to purchase a three-day-trip fishing license for a fee not to exceed ~~seven~~
12 ~~dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee~~
13 ~~shall revert to six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00)
14 each.

15 (c) The maximum fee for the annual resident combination sportsman
16 hunting and fishing license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is
17 sixteen (16) years of age or older for all hunting and fishing privileges
18 except those covered by the ~~migratory bird~~ waterfowl and trout permits shall
19 be as provided by the regulations and within the bag limits as promulgated by
20 the commission but shall not exceed ~~thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents~~
21 ~~(\$37.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to~~
22 ~~thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50)~~ forty-two dollars (\$42.00) each.

23 (d)(1) The commission:

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

28 (i) Sixty-five (65) years of age or older for a one-
29 time fee of ~~thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50)~~ forty-two dollars
30 (\$42.00);

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

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

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

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

2 (B) May provide for the issuance of:

3 (i) A lifetime hunting-only license or a lifetime
4 fishing-only license for a fee that shall not exceed the fee that the
5 resident would be charged otherwise for the issuance of a lifetime license
6 under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section;

7 (ii) An annual resident sportsman hunting license to
8 a resident of the state who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older for a
9 fee not to exceed ~~three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50)~~ five dollars (\$5.00);

10 (iii) An annual resident fishing license to a
11 resident of the state who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older for a fee
12 not to exceed ~~three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50)~~ five dollars (\$5.00); and

13 (iv) An annual resident combination hunting and
14 fishing license to a resident of the state who is sixty-five (65) years of
15 age or older for a fee not to exceed ~~four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50)~~
16 seven dollars (\$7.00).

17 (2) The commission shall offer a resident issued a lifetime
18 hunting and fishing license under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section, a
19 hunting-only license or a fishing-only license under subdivision (d)(1)(B) of
20 this section, or a hunting license or a fishing license issued under § 15-42-
21 128:

22 (A) A lifetime trout ~~stamp~~ permit for a one-time fee of
23 ten dollars (\$10.00);

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

26 (C) Both a lifetime trout ~~stamp~~ permit and a lifetime
27 state ~~duck-stamp~~ waterfowl permit for a one-time fee of ~~seventeen dollars~~
28 ~~(\$17.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00).

29 (3) The commission:

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

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

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

2 (1) Define “resident” and “totally disabled”; ~~and~~

3 (2) Govern the sale and use of each license, permit, or stamp
4 issued under this section-; and

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

10 (f) Beginning July 1, 2022, the commission shall provide a semiannual
11 report to the Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee of the Legislative
12 Council for administrative review of the total amount of increased license,
13 permit, and stamp fees collected each fiscal year.

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