

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S3/6/19 H3/14/19*

2 92nd General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2019

SENATE BILL 486

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5 By: Senator Irvin

6 *By: Representative Fortner*

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE FOR A TROUT
10 *SPECIAL PERMIT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME*
11 *AND FISH COMMISSION TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR A*
12 *LIFETIME TROUT STAMP AND A LIFETIME COMBINATION TROUT*
13 *AND STATE DUCK STAMP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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Subtitle

17 *TO AMEND THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE FOR A*
18 *TROUT SPECIAL PERMIT; TO AUTHORIZE AN*
19 *INCREASE FOR THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE FOR A*
20 *TROUT SPECIAL PERMIT AND THE FEE FOR A*
21 *LIFETIME TROUT STAMP AND LIFETIME*
22 *COMBINATION TROUT AND STATE DUCK STAMP.*

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

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27 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

28 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

29 (1) Trout fishing in Arkansas annually generates an estimated
30 one hundred eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000);

31 (2) Trout fishing brings in revenue to the state through
32 tourism, which is Arkansas's second leading industry;

33 (3) Trout fishing supports Arkansans who work in the multi-
34 million dollar tourism industry and Arkansans who are avid trout anglers;

35 (4) Arkansas anglers and nonresident anglers trust the Arkansas
36 State Game and Fish Commission to provide quality trout fishing



1 opportunities;

2 (5) Trout do not naturally reproduce well in most Arkansas
3 waters and need to be grown and stocked with the help of hatcheries and
4 Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission staff;

5 (6) Hatchery renovations are needed in order to maintain trout
6 production levels at hatcheries in the state and to support Arkansas's trout-
7 fishing industry; and

8 (7) An increase in funding is necessary for hatchery
9 renovations, trout management, and improvements in fishing opportunities in
10 the state.

11 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that an increase in the
12 special annual fee for a trout special permit will provide the necessary
13 funding for hatchery renovations, trout management, and improvements in
14 fishing opportunities in the state.

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16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(b)(2), concerning trout special
17 permit and special annual fee required for resident fishing licensees, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (2) In addition to the annual resident fishing license fee
20 authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that
21 any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be required for
22 the privilege of fishing for trout in this state to obtain a special permit
23 and pay a special annual fee not to exceed ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ ten dollars
24 (\$10.00).

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26 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(d)(2), concerning a resident
27 lifetime hunting and fishing license, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2) The commission shall offer a resident issued a lifetime
29 hunting and fishing license under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section, a
30 hunting-only license or a fishing-only license under subdivision (d)(1)(B) of
31 this section, or a hunting license or a fishing license issued under § 15-42-
32 128:

33 (A) A lifetime trout stamp for a one-time fee of ~~five~~ ten
34 dollars ~~(\$5.00)~~ (\$10.00);

35 (B) A lifetime state duck stamp for a one-time fee of
36 seven dollars (\$7.00); or

1 (C) Both a lifetime trout stamp and a lifetime state duck
2 stamp for a one-time fee of ~~twelve~~ seventeen dollars ~~(\$12.00)~~ (\$17.00).

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5 /s/Irvin
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