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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 458

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO HUNTING AND  
11 FISHING LICENSES FOR RESIDENTS; TO CHANGE THE AGE  
12 REQUIREMENT FOR A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE FROM  
13 SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF  
14 AGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## 15 16 17 Subtitle

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19 FISHING LICENSES FOR RESIDENTS; AND TO  
20 CHANGE THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR A HUNTING  
21 OR FISHING LICENSE FROM SIXTEEN (16)  
22 YEARS OF AGE TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF  
23 AGE.

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

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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(a)-(c), concerning the fee for  
29 hunting and fishing licenses for residents, are amended to read as follows:

30 (a)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident basic hunting license  
31 for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18)  
32 years of age or older for the privilege of taking small game and the taking  
33 of one (1) deer by the use of a modern center-fire firearm shall be as  
34 provided by the regulations and within the bag limits promulgated by the  
35 Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission but shall not exceed eleven dollars

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

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)~~  
5 eighteen (18) years of age or older for the privilege of taking three (3)  
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) each.

10 (3) In addition to the annual resident basic and sportsman  
11 hunting license fees authorized in this subsection, the commission by  
12 regulation may provide that any resident of this state who is ~~sixteen (16)~~  
13 eighteen (18) years of age or older be required:

14 (A) For the privilege of hunting migratory birds in this  
15 state, to obtain a special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed  
16 seven dollars (\$7.00) each;

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

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

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

28 (b)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident fishing license for any  
29 resident of the State of Arkansas who is ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of  
30 age or older shall be as provided by the regulations promulgated by the  
31 commission but shall not exceed eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) each  
32 until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten dollars and  
33 fifty cents (\$10.50) each.

34 (2) In addition to the annual resident fishing license fee  
35 authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that  
36 any resident of this state ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older

1 be required for the privilege of fishing for trout in this state to obtain a  
2 special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed ten dollars  
3 (\$10.00).

4 (3) In lieu of the annual resident fishing license fee  
5 authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that  
6 any resident of this state ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older  
7 be authorized to purchase a three-day-trip fishing license for a fee not to  
8 exceed seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) each until July 1, 1997, when  
9 the maximum fee shall revert to six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) each.

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

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19 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-42-106(b), concerning the requirements  
20 for a resident fishing license, is amended to read as follows:

21 (b) It shall also be unlawful for any person more than ~~sixteen (16)~~  
22 eighteen (18) years of age who is a resident of this state to take or attempt  
23 to take fish by means of net seines or gigs without first procuring a  
24 resident fishing license.

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26 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-42-110 is amended to read as follows:

27 15-42-110. Three-day fishing license.

28 The maximum fee for a three-day fishing license for any resident in the  
29 State of Arkansas who is ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age or older but  
30 less than sixty-five (65) years of age shall not exceed six dollars and fifty  
31 cents (\$6.50) each.

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34 Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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