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A Bill

SENATE BILL 523

5
6 By: Senator Caldwell
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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 HUNTING AND FISHING
12 LICENSES FOR RESIDENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS
13 STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES
14 ALLOWING A ONE-TIME FEE ADJUSTMENT BASED ON CERTAIN
15 CRITERIA; TO REQUIRE REVIEW BY AND REPORTS TO THE
16 GAME AND FISH/STATE POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
17 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS ON
18 ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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22 TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND
23 FISH COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES
24 ALLOWING A ONE-TIME FEE ADJUSTMENT TO
25 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR
26 RESIDENTS BASED ON CERTAIN CRITERIA; AND
27 TO REQUIRE REPORTING BY THE COMMISSION.
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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

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

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

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

3 (3)(A) Allow a one-time adjustment for an increase or decrease
4 in the amount of the maximum fee, also known as the baseline maximum, for
5 each resident license, permit, or stamp set forth in subsections (a) through
6 (d) of this section so long as the total fee for each license, permit, or
7 stamp after the adjustment does not exceed:

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

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

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

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

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

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25 Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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