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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1478

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §15-42-104 TO REGULATE
9 RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES; TO REPEAL
10 ARKANSAS CODE §19-6-301; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 19-6-701;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TO
15 REGULATE RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING
16 LICENSE FEES."

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §15-42-104 is hereby amended to
21 read as follows:

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23 "§15-42-104. Hunting and fishing licenses for residents - Special fees.

24 (a)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident basic hunting license
25 for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or
26 older, for the privilege of taking small game and the taking of one (1) deer
27 by the use of a modern center-fire firearm shall be as provided by the
28 regulations and within the bag limits promulgated by the Arkansas State Game
29 and Fish Commission, but shall not exceed eleven dollars and fifty cents
30 (\$11.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten
31 dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50).

32 (2) The maximum fee for the annual resident sportsman hunting
33 license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years
34 of age or older for the privilege of taking three (3) deer and all other game
35 by any method of taking shall be as provided by the regulations and within

1 the bag limits promulgated by the Commission, but shall not exceed twenty-six
2 dollars (\$26.00) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert
3 to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each.

4 (3) In addition to the annual resident basic and sportsman
5 hunting license fees authorized in this subsection, the Commission, by
6 regulation, may provide that any resident of this state who is sixteen (16)
7 years of age or older be required for the privilege of hunting migratory
8 birds in this state to obtain a special permit and pay a special annual fee
9 not to exceed seven dollars (\$7.00) each; and for the privilege of taking a
10 bonus deer in addition to the deer authorized with the basic hunting license
11 and the sportsman hunting license, to obtain a special permit and pay a
12 special fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) each.

13 (4) Nothing contained herein is intended to restrict the
14 authority of the Commission to charge any resident of the state an additional
15 fee solely for the purpose of entering upon and hunting upon any land owned
16 or leased by the commission.

17 (b)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident fishing license for any
18 resident of the state of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or older
19 shall be as provided by the regulations promulgated by the commission, but
20 shall not exceed eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) each until July 1,
21 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten dollars and fifty cents
22 (\$10.50) each.

23 (2) In addition to the annual resident fishing license fee
24 authorized in this subsection, the commission, by regulation, may provide
25 that any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be
26 required for the privilege of fishing for trout in this state to obtain a
27 special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed five dollars
28 (\$5.00).

29 (3) In lieu of the annual resident fishing license fee
30 authorized in this subsection, the commission, by regulation, may provide
31 that any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be
32 authorized to purchase a three (3) day trip fishing license for a fee not to
33 exceed seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) each until July 1, 1997, when
34 the maximum fee shall revert to six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) each.

35 (c) The maximum fee for the annual resident combination sportsman

1 hunting and fishing license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is
 2 sixteen (16) years of age or older for all hunting and fishing privileges,
 3 except those covered by the migratory bird and trout permits, shall be as
 4 provided by the regulations and within the bag limits as promulgated by the
 5 commission, but shall not exceed thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents
 6 (\$37.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to
 7 thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50).

8 (d) The commission may provide for the issuance of permanent hunting
 9 or fishing licenses, excluding the privileges covered by the migratory bird
 10 and trout permits, to a resident of this state who is sixty-five (65) years
 11 of age or older for fees not to exceed the cost of annual resident licenses.

12 (e) The commission may provide for the issuance of a lifetime resident
 13 sportsman's hunting and fishing permit to a resident of this state at any age
 14 for a fee not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each."

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16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated §19-6-301(63) is hereby repealed.

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18 SECTION 3. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission shall be exempt from
 19 the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-5-203(b)(2)(A) with respect to all
 20 revenues collected for the support of the Game and Fish Commission with the
 21 exception of those revenues as specified in subdivision (20) of § 19-6-301.

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23 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
 24 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
 25 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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27 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 31 act are declared to be severable.

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33 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
 34 hereby repealed.

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1 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
2 General Assembly that Amendment Number 35 to the Arkansas Constitution
3 requires the General Assembly to establish the maximum annual resident
4 hunting and fishing license fees that may be charged by the Arkansas Game and
5 Fish Commission; that Amendment 35 to the Arkansas Constitution requires all
6 fees, monies, or funds arising from all sources by the operation and
7 transaction of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to be deposited in the
8 Game Protection Fund in the State Treasury; and that the immediate passage of
9 this Act is necessary to enable the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to
10 efficiently operate the game and fish program. Therefore, an emergency is
11 hereby declared to exist and this Act, being immediately necessary for the
12 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force
13 and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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