

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

SENATE BILL 874

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5 By: Senator T. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SPORTSMAN STIMULUS BILL;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO ESTABLISH THE SPORTSMAN STIMULUS
14 BILL.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Intent. It is the intent of the General
20 Assembly that hunting and fishing in Arkansas is important to the culture and
21 history of Arkansas and to the economic growth of the state. It is incumbent
22 upon the General Assembly to ensure that all Arkansans have the opportunity
23 to hunt and fish in this state and that license fees along with other factors
24 implemented by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission has begun to limit
25 the number of persons taking part in this endeavor. The General Assembly
26 also finds that Freddie Black, the current chair of the Arkansas State Game
27 and Fish Commission, and the other commissioners should strive in their
28 duties to ensure that hunting and fishing opportunities are made available to
29 all Arkansans.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104 is amended to read as follows:

32 15-42-104. Hunting and fishing licenses for residents – Special fees.

33 (a)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident basic hunting license
34 for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or
35 older for the privilege of taking small game and the taking of one (1) deer
36 by the use of a modern center-fire firearm shall be as provided by the



1 regulations and within the bag limits promulgated by the Arkansas State Game
 2 and Fish Commission but shall not exceed ~~eleven dollars and fifty cents~~
 3 ~~(\$11.50) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten~~
 4 ~~dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

5 (2) The maximum fee for the annual resident sportsman hunting
 6 license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years
 7 of age or older for the privilege of taking three (3) deer and all other game
 8 by any method of taking shall be as provided by the regulations and within
 9 the bag limits promulgated by the commission but shall not exceed ~~twenty-six~~
 10 ~~dollars (\$26.00) each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert~~
 11 ~~to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) each.

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

16 (A) For the privilege of hunting migratory birds in this
 17 state, to obtain a special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed
 18 ~~seven dollars (\$7.00)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) each;

19 (B) For the privilege of taking a bonus deer in addition
 20 to the deer authorized with the basic hunting license and the sportsman
 21 hunting license, to obtain a special permit and pay a special fee not to
 22 exceed ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) each; and

23 (C) For the privilege of hunting elk in this state, to
 24 obtain a special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed ~~thirty-~~
 25 ~~five dollars (\$35.00)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) each.

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

30 (b)(1) The maximum fee for the annual resident fishing license for any
 31 resident of the State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or older
 32 shall be as provided by the regulations promulgated by the commission but
 33 shall not exceed ~~eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) each until July 1,~~
 34 ~~1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to ten dollars and fifty cents~~
 35 ~~(\$10.50)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) each.

36 (2) In addition to the annual resident fishing license fee

1 authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that
 2 any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be required for
 3 the privilege of fishing for trout in this state to obtain a special permit
 4 and pay a special annual fee not to exceed ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ one dollar
 5 and fifty cents (\$1.50).

6 (3) In lieu of the annual resident fishing license fee
 7 authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation may provide that
 8 any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be authorized
 9 to purchase a three-day-trip fishing license for a fee not to exceed ~~seven~~
 10 ~~dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)~~ each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee
 11 ~~shall revert to six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50)~~ one dollar and fifty
 12 cents (\$1.50) each.

13 (c) The maximum fee for the annual resident combination sportsman
 14 hunting and fishing license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is
 15 sixteen (16) years of age or older for all hunting and fishing privileges
 16 except those covered by the migratory bird and trout permits shall be as
 17 provided by the regulations and within the bag limits as promulgated by the
 18 commission but shall not exceed ~~thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50)~~
 19 ~~each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to thirty-five~~
 20 ~~dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

21 (d)(1) The commission shall provide for the issuance of a permanent
 22 hunting and fishing license, with an optional permanent trout stamp and
 23 permanent state duck stamp, to a resident of this state who is sixty-five
 24 (65) years of age or older for a one-time fee of ~~thirty-five dollars and~~
 25 ~~fifty cents (\$35.50)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

26 (2)(A) The commission shall provide for the issuance to a person
 27 who holds a permanent hunting and fishing license ~~on July 16, 2003:~~

28 ~~(i)(A)~~ (A) A permanent trout stamp for a one-time fee of
 29 ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50);

30 ~~(ii)(B)~~ (B) A permanent state duck stamp for a one-time
 31 fee of ~~seven dollars (\$7.00)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50); or

32 ~~(iii)(C)~~ (C) Both a permanent trout stamp and a
 33 permanent state duck stamp for a one-time fee of ~~twelve dollars (\$12.00)~~ one
 34 dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

35 ~~(B) When a person purchases a permanent hunting and~~
 36 ~~fishing license under subdivision (d)(1) of this section after July 16, 2003,~~

1 ~~the commission shall provide the purchaser with the following additional~~
 2 ~~options:~~

3 ~~(i) A permanent trout stamp for a one time fee of~~
 4 ~~five dollars (\$5.00);~~

5 ~~(ii) A permanent state duck stamp for a one time fee~~
 6 ~~of seven dollars (\$7.00); or~~

7 ~~(iii) Both a permanent trout stamp and a permanent~~
 8 ~~state duck stamp for a one time fee of twelve dollars (\$12.00).~~

9 (3)(A) The commission may promulgate rules to establish
 10 residency in Arkansas for the purposes of this subsection.

11 (B) However, the rules shall not require more than three
 12 (3) years of residency in this state.

13 (e) The commission may provide for the issuance of a lifetime resident
 14 sportsman's hunting and fishing permit to a resident of this state at any age
 15 for a fee not to exceed ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ one dollar and fifty
 16 cents (\$1.50) each.

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 18 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-42-107(a), concerning nonresident
 19 fishing licenses, is amended to read as follows:

20 15-42-107. Nonresident fishing license generally.

21 (a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any nonresident person to take or
 22 attempt to take fish in this state in any manner without first procuring a
 23 nonresident fishing license.

24 (2) The nonresident annual fishing license fee shall be ~~five~~
 25 ~~dollars (\$5.00)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

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 27 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 15-42-108(a), concerning nonresident three-
 28 day fishing license, is amended to read as follows:

29 15-42-108. Nonresident three-day fishing license.

30 (a) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission shall issue or cause
 31 to be issued a three-day fishing license to any nonresident of the state,
 32 upon application therefor and the payment of a fee of ~~three dollars and fifty~~
 33 ~~cents (\$3.50)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

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 35 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 15-42-110 is amended to read as follows:

36 15-42-110. Three-day fishing license.

1 The maximum fee for a three-day fishing license for any resident in the
2 State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or older, but less than
3 sixty-five (65) years of age, shall not exceed ~~six dollars and fifty cents~~
4 ~~(\$6.50)~~ one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) each.

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