

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.

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As Engrossed: S3/23/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 874

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

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

12 TO ESTABLISH THE SPORTSMAN STIMULUS
13 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)~~ two dollars (\$2.00).

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)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) 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)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) 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)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) 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)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) 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)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) 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)~~ two dollars
 5 (\$2.00).

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)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) each.

12 (c) The maximum fee for the annual resident combination sportsman
 13 hunting and fishing license for any resident of the State of Arkansas who is
 14 sixteen (16) years of age or older for all hunting and fishing privileges
 15 except those covered by the migratory bird and trout permits shall be as
 16 provided by the regulations and within the bag limits as promulgated by the
 17 commission but shall not exceed ~~thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50)~~
 18 ~~each until July 1, 1997, when the maximum fee shall revert to thirty-five~~
 19 ~~dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50)~~ two dollars (\$2.00).

20 (d)(1) The commission shall provide for the issuance of a permanent
 21 hunting and fishing license, with an optional permanent trout stamp and
 22 permanent state duck stamp, to a resident of this state who is sixty-five
 23 (65) years of age or older for a one-time fee of ~~thirty-five dollars and~~
 24 ~~fifty cents (\$35.50)~~ two dollars (\$2.00).

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

27 ~~(i)(A)~~ (A) A permanent trout stamp for a one-time fee of
 28 ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00);

29 ~~(ii)(B)~~ (B) A permanent state duck stamp for a one-time
 30 fee of ~~seven dollars (\$7.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00); or

31 ~~(iii)(C)~~ (C) Both a permanent trout stamp and a
 32 permanent state duck stamp for a one-time fee of ~~twelve dollars (\$12.00)~~ two
 33 dollars (\$2.00).

34 ~~(B) When a person purchases a permanent hunting and~~
 35 ~~fishing license under subdivision (d)(1) of this section after July 16, 2003,~~
 36 ~~the commission shall provide the purchaser with the following additional~~

1 ~~options:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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)~~ two dollars (\$2.00)
15 *each*.

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

18 15-42-107. Nonresident fishing license generally.

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

22 (2) The nonresident annual fishing license fee shall be ~~five~~
23 ~~dollars (\$5.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00).

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

27 15-42-108. Nonresident three-day fishing license.

28 (a) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission shall issue or cause
29 to be issued a three-day fishing license to any nonresident of the state,
30 upon application therefor and the payment of a fee of ~~three dollars and fifty~~
31 ~~cents (\$3.50)~~ two dollars (\$2.00).

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

34 15-42-110. Three-day fishing license.

35 The maximum fee for a three-day fishing license for any resident in the
36 State of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or older, but less than

1 sixty-five (65) years of age, shall not exceed ~~six dollars and fifty cents~~
2 ~~(\$6.50)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) each.

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