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A Bill

SENATE BILL 486

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE FOR A TROUT
9 SPECIAL PERMIT; TO REQUIRE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND
10 FISH COMMISSION TO INCREASE THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE
11 FOR A TROUT SPECIAL PERMIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE FOR A
16 TROUT SPECIAL PERMIT; AND TO REQUIRE
17 ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
18 TO INCREASE THE SPECIAL ANNUAL FEE FOR A
19 TROUT SPECIAL PERMIT.

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

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24 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

25 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

26 (1) Trout fishing in Arkansas annually generates an estimated
27 one hundred eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000);

28 (2) Trout fishing brings in revenue to the state through
29 tourism, which is Arkansas's second leading industry;

30 (3) Trout fishing supports Arkansans who work in the multi-
31 million dollar tourism industry and Arkansans who are avid trout anglers;

32 (4) Arkansas anglers and nonresident anglers trust Arkansas
33 State Game and Fish Commission to provide quality trout fishing
34 opportunities;

35 (5) Trout do not naturally reproduce well in most Arkansas
36 waters and need to be grown and stocked with the help of hatcheries and



1 Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission staff;

2 (6) Hatchery renovations are needed in order to maintain trout
3 production levels at hatcheries in the state and to support Arkansas's trout-
4 fishing industry; and

5 (7) An increase in funding is necessary for hatchery
6 renovations, trout management, and improvements in fishing opportunities in
7 the state.

8 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that an increase in the
9 special annual fee for a trout special permit will provide the necessary
10 funding for hatchery renovations, trout management, and improvements in
11 fishing opportunities in the state.

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13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(b)(2), concerning trout special
14 permit and special annual fee required for resident fishing licensees, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (2) In addition to the annual resident fishing license fee
17 authorized in this subsection, the commission by regulation ~~may~~ shall provide
18 that any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be
19 required for the privilege of fishing for trout in this state to obtain a
20 special permit and pay a special annual fee not to exceed ~~five dollars~~
21 ~~(\$5.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00).