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A Bill

SENATE BILL 670

5 By: Senator Caldwell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING RESIDENT HUNTING
10 AND FISHING LICENSES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE
11 GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES ALLOWING
12 FEE ADJUSTMENT BASED ON CERTAIN CRITERIA; TO REQUIRE
13 REVIEW BY AND REPORTS TO THE GAME AND FISH/STATE
14 POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; AND
15 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND
19 FISH COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES
20 ALLOWING FEE ADJUSTMENT TO RESIDENT
21 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES BASED ON
22 CERTAIN CRITERIA; AND TO REQUIRE
23 REPORTING.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(e), concerning special fees for
30 hunting and fishing licenses for residents, is amended to read as follows:

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

32 (1) Define "resident" and "totally disabled"; ~~and~~

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

35 (3)(A) Allow adjustment for an increase or decrease in the
36 amount of the maximum fee, also known as the "baseline maximum", for each



1 resident license, permit, or stamp set forth in subsections (a)-(d) of this
2 section in accordance with the following:

3 (i) Beginning July 1, 2021, each adjusted maximum
4 fee, also known as the "adjusted maximum", shall not exceed sixty-five
5 percent (65%) of the present value of the baseline maximum, as calculated
6 using the Consumer Price Index;

7 (ii) From July 1, 2026, until June 30, 2031, each
8 adjusted maximum may be increased by up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the
9 adjusted maximum previously determined under subdivision (e)(3)(A)(i) of this
10 section; and

11 (iii) On or after July 1, 2031, each adjusted
12 maximum may be increased by up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the adjusted
13 maximum amount previously determined under subdivision (e)(3)(A)(ii) of this
14 section.

15 (B) The commission shall provide a semiannual report to
16 the Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee of the Legislative Council for
17 administrative review of the total amount of increased fees for resident
18 licenses, permits, or stamps collected as a result of the fee adjustments
19 under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section.

20 (f) As used in this section:

21 (1) "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for
22 All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, all items, not seasonally
23 adjusted, 1982-1984 equals 100 reference base, as published by the United
24 States Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

25 (2) "Present value" means an amount calculated by multiplying
26 the baseline maximum by a fraction whose numerator is the Consumer Price
27 Index for the month of the proposed adjustment and whose denominator is the
28 Consumer Price Index for the month when the baseline maximum was established
29 or last adjusted.

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