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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1763

By: Representative Wardlaw  
By: Senator Irvin

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING HUNTING AND FISHING  
LICENSES; TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM FEES FOR A YOUTH  
LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FOR RESIDENTS  
TEN (10) YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER; TO AUTHORIZE THE  
ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO ASSESS A  
TRANSACTION FEE FOR CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO  
HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM FEES FOR A YOUTH  
LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FOR  
RESIDENTS TEN (10) YEARS OF AGE OR  
YOUNGER; AND TO AUTHORIZE A TRANSACTION  
FEE FOR CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS FOR HUNTING  
AND FISHING LICENSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(d)(1)(B), concerning hunting and  
fishing licenses for residents, is amended to read as follows:

(B) May provide for the issuance of:

(i) A lifetime hunting and fishing license, with an  
optional lifetime trout stamp and lifetime state duck stamp, to a resident of  
this state who is ten (10) years of age or younger for a one-time fee of five  
hundred dollars (\$500.00);

(ii) A lifetime hunting-only license or a lifetime



1 fishing-only license for a fee that shall not exceed the fee that the  
 2 resident would be charged otherwise for the issuance of a lifetime license  
 3 under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section;

4 ~~(ii)~~ (iii) An annual resident sportsman hunting  
 5 license to a resident of the state who is sixty-five (65) years of age or  
 6 older for a fee not to exceed three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50);

7 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) An annual resident fishing license to a  
 8 resident of the state who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older for a fee  
 9 not to exceed three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50); and

10 ~~(iv)~~ (v) An annual resident combination hunting and  
 11 fishing license to a resident of the state who is sixty-five (65) years of  
 12 age or older for a fee not to exceed four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50).  
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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104(d)(2), concerning lifetime  
 15 hunting and fishing licenses for residents, is amended to read as follows:

16 (2) The commission shall offer a resident issued a lifetime hunting  
 17 and fishing license under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section or  
 18 subdivision (d)(1)(B)(i) of this section, a lifetime hunting-only license or  
 19 a lifetime fishing-only license under subdivision (d)(1)(B) of this section,  
 20 or a lifetime hunting license or a lifetime fishing license ~~issued~~ under §  
 21 15-42-128:

22 (A) A lifetime trout stamp for a one-time fee of ten  
 23 dollars (\$10.00);

24 (B) A lifetime state duck stamp for a one-time fee of  
 25 seven dollars (\$7.00); or

26 (C) Both a lifetime trout stamp and a lifetime state duck  
 27 stamp for a one-time fee of seventeen dollars (\$17.00).  
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29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-42-104, concerning hunting and fishing  
 30 licenses for residents, is amended to add subsection (f) to read as follows:

31 (f)(1) When a resident purchases a license, permit, or stamp with an  
 32 approved credit card, debit card, or other electronic payment method, the  
 33 commission may assess a transaction fee not to exceed the fee the payment  
 34 processor charges the commission for allowing the commission to accept the  
 35 approved credit card, debit card, or other electronic payment method as the  
 36 resident's payment for the license, permit, or stamp.

1       (2) The transaction fee authorized under subdivision (f)(1) of this  
2 section shall be in addition to the fees and maximum fees set forth in this  
3 chapter.  
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