

Act 219 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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SB185

By: Senators Kinard, Allen, C. Bell, Bookout, Gibson,  
Hoofman, and Ingram

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 15-42-104 TO REGULATE RESIDENT  
HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated 15-42-104 is hereby amended to read  
as follows:

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

(a) (1) The maximum fee for the annual resident hunting license for any  
resident of the state of Arkansas who is sixteen (16) years of age or older,  
but less than sixty-five (65) years of age, shall be as provided by the Arkansas  
Game and Fish Commission, but shall not exceed ten dollars and fifty cents  
(\$10.50) each.

(2) The taking of one deer by residents of this state by the use of  
a modern center-fire weapon as provided by regulations adopted by the  
Commission, and within the bag limits established by the Commission, shall be  
covered by the annual resident hunting license without the necessity of paying  
any additional fee therefor. Nothing contained herein is intended to restrict  
the authority of the Commission to charge any resident of this state an addi-  
tional fee solely for the purpose of entering upon and hunting upon any land  
owned by or leased by the Commission.

(3) In addition to the annual resident hunting license fee  
authorized in this subsection, the Commission, by regulation, may provide that  
any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be required to  
obtain a special license or permit and pay a special annual fee therefor, as  
follows:

(A) For the privilege of hunting deer with any form of archery  
equipment, as defined by regulations of the Commission, a special annual fee  
not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00);

(B) For the privilege of hunting deer with any form of muzzle-  
loading equipment, as defined by regulations of the Commission, a special  
annual fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00);

(C) For the privilege of hunting turkey in this state, a spe-  
cial annual fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00);

(D) For the privilege of hunting bear in this state, a special  
annual fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00);

(E) For the privilege of hunting ducks in this state, a spe-  
cial annual fee not to exceed seven dollars (\$7.00);

(F) For the privilege of taking fur-bearing animals, as  
defined by regulations of the Commission, a special annual fee not to exceed  
ten dollars (\$10.00);

(G) For the privilege of taking additional deer by the use of  
modern center-fire weapons during any annual hunting season established by the  
Commission, the Commission may charge a special Whitetail Deer Management  
Permit fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00);

(H) In lieu of purchasing individual tags and a resident  
\$10.50 license, any resident for the privilege of hunting all species of game,

excluding waterfowl, by any method of taking permitted in regulations promulgated by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, may purchase a sportsman's license but the total amount to be paid by any resident for the sportsman's license shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

(I) The Commission may provide for a combined annual resident hunting and fishing sportsman's license for a fee not to exceed thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50). This license does not include the privileges covered by the state duck stamp and trout permit.

(b) (1) The maximum fee for the annual resident fishing license for any resident of the state who is sixteen (16) years of age or older, but less than sixty-five (65) years of age, shall be as provided by the Commission, but shall not exceed ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) each.

(2) In addition to the annual resident fishing license fee authorized in this subsection, the Commission, by regulation, may provide that any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be required to obtain a special license or permit to fish for trout in this state and pay a special annual fee therefor not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00).

(3) In lieu of the annual resident fishing license fee authorized in this subsection, the Commission, by regulation, may provide that any resident of this state sixteen (16) years of age or older be authorized to purchase a three (3) day trip fishing license for a fee not to exceed the cost of the annual resident fishing license.

(c) The Commission may provide for a resident lifetime sportsmen's permit for a fee not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

(d) In the event the Commission provides for the issuance of a permanent hunting or fishing license for a resident of this state who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, the maximum fee that may be charged shall not exceed the following:

(1) For a permanent resident hunting license, the fee shall be the same as the annual resident hunting license. For a permanent resident sportsman's license, the fee shall be the same as the annual resident sportsman's license. The permanent sportsman's license includes all hunting privileges except those covered by the State Duck Stamp;

(2) For a permanent resident fishing license, the fee shall be the same as the annual resident fishing license. This license includes all privileges except those covered by the trout permit;

(3) For a combined permanent resident hunting and fishing sportsman's license the fee shall be the same as the combined annual resident hunting and fishing sportsman's license. This license includes all privileges except those covered by the State Duck Stamp and the trout permit."

SECTION 2. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission shall not issue a free or discounted hunting or fishing license to any person except as is specifically authorized or directed by law.

SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Annotated 15-42-105 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is in urgent need of additional funds to enable it to carry out its constitutional responsibilities with respect to the control, management, restoration, conservation and regulation of the game, fish, birds and wildlife resources of the state; that this act is designed to provide such essential funds by prescribing and

limiting fees which may be charged residents for hunting and fishing in the state; that the various hunting licenses and permits expire June 30, 1989 and hunting licenses and permits for the 1989-90 hunting season are sold beginning in July 1989; and that it is essential to the effective and efficient administration of the provisions of this act that it take effect on July 1, 1989. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 1989.

APPROVED: February 24, 1989

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