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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1632

5 By: Representative Wardlaw  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING HUNTING AND FISHING  
10 LICENSES; TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE ARKANSAS  
11 STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION FOR FREE OR DISCOUNTED  
12 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE ARKANSAS  
16 STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION FOR FREE  
17 OR DISCOUNTED HUNTING AND FISHING  
18 LICENSES.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 42, Subchapter 1, is  
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 15-42-131. Reimbursement for free or discounted licenses.

26 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

27 (1) Revenue from hunting and fishing licenses is a crucial  
28 element for funding state fish and wildlife agencies' conservation efforts  
29 across the nation;

30 (2) However, well-intentioned programs to offer free and  
31 discounted licenses to certain qualified individuals and groups have the  
32 potential to reap deteriorative effects on the agencies' budgets;

33 (3) To prevent the loss of sportsmen-generated dollars for  
34 conservation funding, some states have enacted legislation to require  
35 reimbursements to the state fish and wildlife agencies from the general funds  
36 for any free and discounted licenses; and



