
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1850

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By House Committee on Revenue (originally sponsored by Representatives Wang and Holland; by request of Department of Wildlife and Office of Financial Management).

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1 AN ACT Relating to hunting and fishing licenses; amending RCW
2 77.32.101, 77.32.161, 77.32.191, 77.32.211, 77.32.230, 77.32.240,
3 77.32.256, 77.32.340, 77.32.350, 77.32.360, 77.32.370, and 77.32.380;
4 adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; creating a new section;
5 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of wildlife is facing
8 serious budget shortfalls in the 1991-93 biennium ending June 30, 1993.
9 The legislature finds that an increase in the license fees for hunting
10 and fishing related licenses is necessary to ensure appropriate funding
11 for the operations of the department.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.101 and 1985 c 464 s 2 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

1 (1) A hunting and fishing license allows a resident holder to hunt
2 and fish throughout the state. The fee for this license is (~~twenty-~~
3 ~~four~~) thirty dollars.

4 (2) A hunting license allows the holder to hunt throughout the
5 state. The fee for this license is (~~twelve~~) fifteen dollars for
6 residents and one hundred (~~twenty-five~~) fifty-seven dollars for
7 nonresidents.

8 (3) A fishing license allows the holder to fish throughout the
9 state. The fee for this license is (~~fourteen~~) eighteen dollars for
10 residents fifteen years of age or older and under seventy years of age,
11 three dollars for residents seventy years of age or older, and
12 (~~forty~~) fifty dollars for nonresidents.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.161 and 1985 c 464 s 3 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 A nonresident or resident may obtain a temporary fishing license,
16 which allows the holder to fish throughout the state for three
17 consecutive days. The fee for this license is (~~seven~~) nine dollars
18 for residents and (~~fourteen~~) eighteen dollars for nonresidents. The
19 resident temporary fishing license is not valid for an eight
20 consecutive day period beginning on the opening day of the lowland lake
21 fishing season.

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.191 and 1987 c 372 s 3 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 A state trapping license allows the holder to trap fur-bearing
25 animals throughout the state; however, a trapper may not place traps on
26 private property without permission of the owner, lessee, or tenant
27 where the land is improved and apparently used, or where the land is
28 fenced or enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders or to

1 indicate a property boundary line, or where notice is given by posting
2 in a conspicuous manner. A state trapping license is void on April 1st
3 following the date of issuance. The fee for this license is (~~(thirty)~~)
4 thirty-eight dollars for residents sixteen years of age or older,
5 (~~(twelve)~~) fifteen dollars for residents under sixteen years of age,
6 and one hundred (~~(fifty)~~) eighty-eight dollars for nonresidents.

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.211 and 1987 c 506 s 83 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) A taxidermy license allows the holder to practice taxidermy
10 for profit. The fee for this license is one hundred (~~(fifty)~~) eighty-
11 eight dollars.

12 (2) A fur dealer's license allows the holder to purchase, receive,
13 or resell raw furs for profit. The fee for this license is one hundred
14 (~~(fifty)~~) eighty-eight dollars.

15 (3) A fishing guide license allows the holder to offer or perform
16 the services of a professional guide in the taking of game fish. The
17 fee for this license is one hundred (~~(fifty)~~) eighty-eight dollars for
18 a resident and (~~(five)~~) six hundred twenty-five dollars for a
19 nonresident.

20 (4) A game farm license allows the holder to operate a game farm
21 to acquire, breed, grow, keep, and sell wildlife under conditions
22 prescribed by the rules adopted pursuant to this title. The fee for
23 this license is (~~(sixty)~~) seventy-five dollars for the first year and
24 (~~(forty)~~) fifty dollars for each following year.

25 (5) A game fish stocking permit allows the holder to release game
26 fish into the waters of the state as prescribed by rule of the
27 commission. The fee for this permit is (~~(twenty)~~) twenty-five dollars.

28 (6) A (~~(hunting₇)~~) fishing(~~(₇)~~) or field trial permit allows the
29 holder to promote, conduct, hold, or sponsor a (~~(hunting₇)~~)

1 fishing((7)) or field trial contest in accordance with rules of the
2 commission. The fee for ((this)) a fishing contest permit is
3 ((twenty)) twenty-five dollars. The fee for a field trial contest
4 permit is twenty-five dollars.

5 (7) An anadromous game fish buyer's license allows the holder to
6 purchase or sell steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish
7 harvested by Indian fishermen lawfully exercising fishing rights
8 reserved by federal statute, treaty, or executive order, under
9 conditions prescribed by rule of the director. The fee for this
10 license is one hundred ((fifty)) eighty-eight dollars.

11 **Sec. 6.** RCW 77.32.230 and 1988 c 176 s 914 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) A person sixty-five years of age or older who is an honorably
14 discharged veteran of the United States armed forces having a service-
15 connected disability and who has been a resident for five years may
16 receive upon application a state hunting and fishing license free of
17 charge.

18 ((2) ((A person seventy years of age or older who has been a
19 resident for ten years may receive, upon application, a fishing license
20 free of charge.

21 ((3))) A blind person, or a person with a developmental disability
22 as defined in RCW 71A.10.020 with documentation of the disability from
23 the department of social and health services, or a physically
24 handicapped person confined to a wheelchair may receive upon
25 application a fishing license free of charge.

26 ((4)) (3) A blind person or a physically handicapped person
27 confined to a wheelchair who has been issued a card for a permanent
28 disability under RCW 46.16.381 may use that card in place of a fishing

1 license unless tags, permits, stamps, or punchcards are required by
2 this chapter.

3 ~~((+5+))~~ (4) A fishing license is not required for persons under the
4 age of fifteen.

5 ~~((+6+))~~ (5) Tags, permits, stamps, and punchcards required by this
6 chapter shall be purchased separately by persons receiving a free or
7 reduced-fee license.

8 **Sec. 7.** RCW 77.32.240 and 1981 c 310 s 28 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 A scientific permit allows the holder to collect for research or
11 display wildlife or their nests and eggs as required in RCW 77.32.010
12 under conditions prescribed by the director. Before a permit is
13 issued, the applicant shall demonstrate to the director their
14 qualifications and establish the need for the permit. The director may
15 require a bond of up to one thousand dollars to insure compliance with
16 the permit. Permits are valid for the time specified, unless sooner
17 revoked.

18 Holders of permits may exchange specimens with the approval of the
19 director.

20 A permit holder who violates this section shall forfeit the permit
21 and bond and shall not receive a similar permit for one year. The fee
22 for a scientific permit is ~~((ten))~~ thirteen dollars.

23 **Sec. 8.** RCW 77.32.256 and 1987 c 506 s 86 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 The director shall by rule establish the conditions for issuance of
26 duplicate licenses, permits, tags, stamps, and punchcards required by
27 this chapter. The fee for a duplicate provided under this section is
28 ~~((eight))~~ ten dollars.

1 **Sec. 9.** RCW 77.32.340 and 1990 c 84 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Fees for transport tags shall be as follows:

4 (1) The fee for a resident deer tag is (~~(fifteen)~~) nineteen
5 dollars. The fee for a nonresident deer tag is (~~(fifty)~~) sixty-three
6 dollars.

7 (2) The fee for a resident elk tag is (~~(twenty)~~) twenty-five
8 dollars. The fee for a nonresident elk tag is one hundred twenty-five
9 dollars.

10 (3) The fee for a resident bear tag is (~~(fifteen)~~) nineteen
11 dollars. The fee for a nonresident bear tag is one hundred (~~(fifty)~~)
12 eighty-eight dollars.

13 (4) The fee for a resident cougar tag is (~~(twenty)~~) twenty-five
14 dollars. The fee for a nonresident cougar tag is three hundred
15 seventy-five dollars.

16 (5) The fee for a mountain goat tag is (~~(fifty)~~) sixty-three
17 dollars for residents and one hundred (~~(fifty)~~) eighty-eight dollars
18 for nonresidents. The fee shall be paid at the time of application.
19 Applicants who are not selected for a mountain goat special season
20 permit shall receive a refund of this fee, less five dollars.

21 (6) The fee for a sheep tag is (~~(seventy-five)~~) ninety-four dollars
22 for residents and three hundred seventy-five dollars for nonresidents
23 and shall be paid at the time of application. Applicants who are not
24 selected for a sheep special season permit shall receive a refund of
25 this fee, less five dollars.

26 (7) The fee for a moose tag is one hundred (~~(fifty)~~) eighty-eight
27 dollars for residents and three hundred seventy-five dollars for
28 nonresidents and shall be paid at the time of application. Applicants
29 who are not selected for a moose special season permit shall receive a
30 refund of this fee, less five dollars.

1 (8) The fee for a wild turkey tag is (~~fifteen~~) nineteen dollars
2 for residents and sixty-three dollars for nonresidents.

3 (9) The fee for a lynx tag is twenty-five dollars for residents and
4 three hundred seventy-five dollars for nonresidents and shall be paid
5 at the time of application. Applicants who are not selected for a lynx
6 special season permit shall receive a refund of this fee, less five
7 dollars.

8 **Sec. 10.** RCW 77.32.350 and 1990 c 84 s 6 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 In addition to a basic hunting license, a supplemental license,
11 permit, or stamp is required to hunt for quail, partridge, pheasant, or
12 migratory waterfowl, to hunt with a raptor, or to hunt wild animals
13 with a dog.

14 (1) A hound permit is required to hunt wild animals, except rabbits
15 and hares, with a dog. The fee for this permit is (~~ten~~) thirteen
16 dollars.

17 (2) An eastern Washington upland game bird permit is required to
18 hunt for quail, partridge, and pheasant in eastern Washington. The fee
19 for this permit is (~~eight~~) ten dollars.

20 (3) A western Washington upland game bird permit is required to
21 hunt for quail, partridge, and pheasant in western Washington. The fee
22 for this permit is (~~fifteen~~) nineteen dollars.

23 (4) A falconry license is required to possess or hunt with a
24 raptor, including seasons established exclusively for hunting in that
25 manner. The fee for this license is (~~thirty~~) thirty-eight dollars.

26 (5) A migratory waterfowl stamp affixed to a basic hunting license
27 is required for all persons sixteen years of age or older to hunt
28 migratory waterfowl. The fee for the stamp is (~~five~~) seven dollars.

1 (6) The migratory waterfowl stamp shall be validated by the
2 signature of the licensee written across the face of the stamp.

3 (7) The migratory waterfowl stamps required by this section expire
4 on March 31st following the date of issuance.

5 **Sec. 11.** RCW 77.32.360 and 1990 c 84 s 7 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) A steelhead catch record card is required to fish for steelhead
8 trout. The fee for this catch record card is (~~(fifteen)~~) nineteen
9 dollars.

10 (2) Persons possessing steelhead trout shall immediately validate
11 their catch record card as provided by rule.

12 (3) The steelhead catch record card required under this section
13 expires April 30th following the date of issuance.

14 (4) Each person who returns a steelhead catch record card to an
15 authorized license dealer by June 1 following the period for which it
16 was issued shall be given a credit equal to five dollars towards that
17 day's purchase of any license, permit, transport tag, catch record
18 card, or stamp required by this chapter. This subsection does not
19 apply to annual steelhead catch record cards for persons under the age
20 of fifteen.

21 (5) Persons under the age of fifteen may purchase an annual
22 steelhead catch record card for (~~(five)~~) six dollars. The (~~(five-~~
23 ~~dollar)~~) six-dollar catch record card entitles the holder to retain no
24 more than five steelhead. After retaining five steelhead, a new catch
25 record card may be purchased.

26 **Sec. 12.** RCW 77.32.370 and 1987 c 506 s 89 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

1 (1) A special hunting season permit is required to hunt in each
2 special season established under chapter 77.12 RCW.

3 (2) Persons may apply for special hunting season permits as
4 provided by rule of the director.

5 (3) The application fee to participate in a special hunting season
6 is (~~two~~) three dollars.

7 **Sec. 13.** RCW 77.32.380 and 1988 c 36 s 52 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Persons sixteen years of age or older who use clearly identified
10 department lands and access facilities are required to possess a
11 conservation license or a hunting, fishing, trapping, or free license
12 on their person while using the facilities. The fee for this license
13 is (~~eight~~) ten dollars annually.

14 The spouse, all children under eighteen years of age, and guests
15 under eighteen years of age of the holder of a valid conservation
16 license may use department lands and access facilities when accompanied
17 by the license holder.

18 Youth groups may use department lands and game access facilities
19 without possessing a conservation license when accompanied by a license
20 holder.

21 The conservation license is nontransferable and must be validated
22 by the signature of the holder. Upon request of a wildlife agent or ex
23 officio wildlife agent a person using clearly identified department of
24 wildlife lands shall exhibit the required license.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) The director shall adjust all fees under this chapter annually
28 commencing with licenses purchased after December 31, 1992. The annual

1 adjustment shall be the lesser of a five percent increase, or the
2 annual percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal
3 consumption expenditures published by the United States department of
4 commerce.

5 (2) Any increase or decrease in the fees for licenses, fees,
6 stamps, or tags shall be rounded up to the nearest dollar.

7 (3) The department shall analyze all fees for permits, licenses,
8 stamps, and tags issued by it to ensure the appropriate fee amount is
9 charged. This analysis shall occur at least every six years. Where
10 appropriate, the department shall recommend to the legislature that
11 fees be adjusted to ensure that those fees are appropriate.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
15 effect July 1, 1991. Unless both this act and chapter, Laws of
16 1991 (SHB 1250), are referenced by bill number in an omnibus
17 appropriations act enacted before July 1, 1991, this act shall be null
18 and void.