
HOUSE BILL 2235

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing department of wildlife revenue by
2 increasing the amount of fees for hunting and fishing licenses and
3 personalized license plates; amending RCW 77.32.101, 77.32.161,
4 77.32.191, 77.32.211, 77.32.230, 77.32.240, 77.32.256, 77.32.340,
5 77.32.350, 77.32.360, 77.32.370, and 77.32.380; adding a new section to
6 chapter 77.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; providing
7 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.101 and 1985 c 464 s 2 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

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

14 (2) A hunting license allows the holder to hunt throughout the
15 state. The fee for this license is ((~~twelve~~)) fifteen dollars for

1 residents and one hundred (~~twenty-five~~) fifty-seven dollars for
2 nonresidents.

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

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.161 and 1985 c 464 s 3 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

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

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.191 and 1987 c 372 s 3 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 A state trapping license allows the holder to trap fur-bearing
20 animals throughout the state; however, a trapper may not place traps on
21 private property without permission of the owner, lessee, or tenant
22 where the land is improved and apparently used, or where the land is
23 fenced or enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders or to
24 indicate a property boundary line, or where notice is given by posting
25 in a conspicuous manner. A state trapping license is void on April 1st
26 following the date of issuance. The fee for this license is (~~thirty~~)
27 thirty-eight dollars for residents sixteen years of age or older,

1 ((~~twelve~~)) fifteen dollars for residents under sixteen years of age,
2 and one hundred ((~~fifty~~)) eighty-eight dollars for nonresidents.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.211 and 1987 c 506 s 83 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

24 (6) A ((~~hunting~~,)) fishing((~~,~~)) or field trial permit allows the
25 holder to promote, conduct, hold, or sponsor a ((~~hunting~~,))
26 fishing((~~,~~)) or field trial contest in accordance with rules of the
27 commission. The fee for ((~~this~~)) a fishing contest permit is
28 ((~~twenty~~)) twenty-five dollars. The fee for a field trial contest
29 permit is twenty-five dollars.

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

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.230 and 1988 c 176 s 914 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

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

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

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

22 (~~((4))~~) (3) A blind person or a physically handicapped person
23 confined to a wheelchair who has been issued a card for a permanent
24 disability under RCW 46.16.381 may use that card in place of a fishing
25 license unless tags, permits, stamps, or punchcards are required by
26 this chapter.

27 (~~((5))~~) (4) A fishing license is not required for persons under the
28 age of fifteen.

1 (~~(6)~~) (5) Tags, permits, stamps, and punchcards required by this
2 chapter shall be purchased separately by persons receiving a free or
3 reduced-fee license.

4 **Sec. 6.** RCW 77.32.240 and 1981 c 310 s 28 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

14 Holders of permits may exchange specimens with the approval of the
15 director.

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

19 **Sec. 7.** RCW 77.32.256 and 1987 c 506 s 86 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

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

25 **Sec. 8.** RCW 77.32.340 and 1990 c 84 s 5 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 Fees for transport tags shall be as follows:

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

4 (2) The fee for a resident elk tag is (~~(twenty)~~) twenty-five
5 dollars. The fee for a nonresident elk tag is one hundred twenty-five
6 dollars.

7 (3) The fee for a resident bear tag is (~~(fifteen)~~) nineteen
8 dollars. The fee for a nonresident bear tag is one hundred (~~(fifty)~~)
9 eighty-eight dollars.

10 (4) The fee for a resident cougar tag is (~~(twenty)~~) twenty-five
11 dollars. The fee for a nonresident cougar tag is three hundred
12 seventy-five dollars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (3) A western Washington upland game bird permit is required to
19 hunt for quail, partridge, and pheasant in western Washington. The fee
20 for this permit is ~~((fifteen-dollars))~~ thirty-five dollars. Effective
21 January 1, 1992, the permit shall be available as a season option, an
22 early season option, a late season option, a juvenile full season
23 option or a two-day option. The fee for this permit is:

24 (a) For the full season option, thirty-five dollars;

25 (b) For the early season option, twenty-five dollars;

26 (c) For the late season option, twenty-five dollars;

27 (d) For the juvenile full season or the two-day option, twenty
28 dollars.

1 For the purposes of this subsection a juvenile is defined as a
2 person under fifteen years of age upon the opening date of the western
3 Washington pheasant season.

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

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

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

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

14 **Sec. 10.** RCW 77.32.360 and 1990 c 84 s 7 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) A steelhead catch record card is required to fish for steelhead
17 trout. The fee for this catch record card is ((~~fifteen~~) nineteen
18 dollars.

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

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

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

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

6 **Sec. 11.** RCW 77.32.370 and 1987 c 506 s 89 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

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

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

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

14 **Sec. 12.** RCW 77.32.380 and 1988 c 36 s 52 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

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

21 The spouse, all children under eighteen years of age, and guests
22 under eighteen years of age of the holder of a valid conservation
23 license may use department lands and access facilities when accompanied
24 by the license holder.

25 Youth groups may use department lands and game access facilities
26 without possessing a conservation license when accompanied by a license
27 holder.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The director shall adjust all fees under this chapter annually
8 commencing with licenses purchased after December 31, 1992. The
9 adjusted fees shall be based on the fees as of July 1, 1991, adjusted
10 by the cumulative percentage change in the implicit price deflator for
11 personal consumption expenditures published by the United States
12 department of commerce, but the annual adjustment shall not exceed five
13 percent in any one year, except as provided in subsection (2) of this
14 section.

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

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

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 In addition to the fees imposed in RCW 46.16.585 for application
25 and renewal of personalized license plates an additional fee of ten
26 dollars shall be charged. The revenue from the additional fee shall be
27 deposited in the state wildlife fund and used for the management of
28 resources associated with the nonconsumptive use of wildlife.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect July 1, 1991.