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By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Clements, Buck, Regala, Huff and Alexander)

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1 AN ACT Relating to feeding wildlife during emergency conditions;
2 amending RCW 77.32.101, 77.32.340, and 77.32.340; adding a new section
3 to chapter 77.12 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an
4 effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that wintering
7 wildlife should exist under natural conditions supported by suitable
8 habitat. Although artificial feeding may assist in wildlife winter
9 survival, it should not be considered a substitute for lost habitat.
10 The legislature recognizes, however, that it is in the public interest
11 to feed wildlife on an emergency basis, beyond the department of fish
12 and wildlife's regular winter feeding operations. The legislature
13 further recognizes that hunters and others may be willing to make
14 voluntary contributions to support emergency winter feeding operations.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The department shall initiate an effort to solicit voluntary
18 contributions to fund emergency winter feeding efforts. The department

1 shall provide an opportunity for the purchasers of hunting licenses,
2 combination hunting and fishing licenses, deer tags, and elk tags to
3 voluntarily contribute to this effort. The department may also solicit
4 other donations to support emergency winter feeding. Funds received by
5 the department in response to its solicitation of voluntary
6 contributions for emergency winter feeding efforts shall be deposited
7 in the wildlife fund and shall be used only for emergency winter
8 feeding operations and associated costs.

9 When the department determines that seasonal conditions will likely
10 require emergency winter feeding operations, the department shall
11 provide to the legislature information on the extent of the emergency,
12 an estimate of the total amount of funds necessary to address the
13 emergency winter feeding, and information on the total funds raised by
14 the department for emergency winter feeding.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.101 and 1997 c 395 s 1 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) A combination hunting and fishing license allows a resident
18 holder to hunt, and to fish for game fish throughout the state. The
19 fee for this license is twenty-nine dollars. The holder may contribute
20 one additional dollar to be dedicated to emergency winter feeding.

21 (2) A hunting license allows the holder to hunt throughout the
22 state. The fee for this license is fifteen dollars for residents and
23 one hundred fifty dollars for nonresidents. The holder may contribute
24 one additional dollar to be dedicated to emergency winter feeding.

25 (3) A fishing license allows the holder to fish for game fish
26 throughout the state. The fee for this license is seventeen dollars
27 for residents fifteen years of age or older and under seventy years of
28 age, three dollars for residents seventy years of age or older, and
29 forty-eight dollars for nonresidents fifteen years of age or older.

30 The license fee for a nonresident juvenile under fifteen years of
31 age is twenty dollars unless the juvenile is fishing with an adult who
32 holds a current game fish license, in which case there is no license
33 fee.

34 (4) A steelhead fishing license allows the holder of a combination
35 hunting and fishing license or a fishing license issued under this
36 section to fish for steelhead throughout the state. The fee for this
37 license is eighteen dollars.

1 (5) A juvenile steelhead license allows residents under fifteen
2 years of age and nonresidents under fifteen years of age who hold a
3 fishing license to fish for steelhead throughout the state. The fee
4 for this license is six dollars and entitles the holder to take up to
5 five steelhead at which time another juvenile steelhead license may be
6 purchased. Any person who purchases a juvenile steelhead license is
7 prohibited from purchasing a steelhead license for the same calendar
8 year.

9 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.340 and 1997 c 114 s 2 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 Fees for transport tags shall be as follows:

12 (1) The fee for a resident deer tag is eighteen dollars. The fee
13 for a nonresident deer tag is sixty dollars. The holder may contribute
14 one additional dollar to be dedicated to emergency winter feeding.

15 (2) The fee for a resident elk tag is twenty-four dollars. The fee
16 for a nonresident elk tag is one hundred twenty dollars. The holder
17 may contribute one additional dollar to be dedicated to emergency
18 winter feeding.

19 (3) The fee for a resident and nonresident bear tag shall be
20 established by the commission in an amount not to exceed eighteen
21 dollars and one hundred eighty dollars, respectively. Should the
22 commission choose to make black bear transport tags available at no
23 cost, then the commission may determine that for purposes of achieving
24 species harvest management goals that a transport tag is not required
25 to hunt black bear.

26 (4) The fee for a resident and nonresident cougar tag shall be
27 established by the commission in an amount not to exceed twenty-four
28 dollars and three hundred sixty dollars, respectively. Should the
29 commission choose to make cougar transport tags available at no cost,
30 then the commission may determine that for purposes of achieving
31 species harvest management goals that a transport tag is not required
32 to hunt cougar.

33 (5) The fee for a mountain goat tag is sixty dollars for residents
34 and one hundred eighty dollars for nonresidents. The fee shall be paid
35 at the time of application. Applicants who are not selected for a
36 mountain goat special season permit shall receive a refund of this fee,
37 less five dollars.

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

6 (7) The fee for a moose tag is one hundred eighty dollars for
7 residents and three hundred sixty dollars for nonresidents and shall be
8 paid at the time of application. Applicants who are not selected for
9 a moose special season permit shall receive a refund of this fee, less
10 five dollars.

11 (8) The fee for a wild turkey tag is eighteen dollars for residents
12 and sixty dollars for nonresidents.

13 (9) The fee for a lynx tag is twenty-four dollars for residents and
14 three hundred sixty dollars for nonresidents and shall be paid at the
15 time of application. Applicants who are not selected for a lynx
16 special season permit shall receive a refund of this fee, less five
17 dollars.

18 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.340 and 1998 c . . . s 4 (section 4 of this act)
19 are each amended to read as follows:

20 Fees for transport tags shall be as follows:

21 (1) The baseline fee for a resident deer tag is eighteen dollars.
22 The fee for a nonresident deer tag is sixty dollars. The holder may
23 contribute one additional dollar to be dedicated to emergency winter
24 feeding.

25 (2) The baseline fee for a resident elk tag is twenty-four dollars.
26 The fee for a nonresident elk tag is one hundred twenty dollars. The
27 holder may contribute one additional dollar to be dedicated to
28 emergency winter feeding.

29 (3) The fee for a resident and nonresident bear tag shall be
30 established by the commission in an amount not to exceed eighteen
31 dollars and one hundred eighty dollars, respectively. Should the
32 commission choose to make black bear transport tags available at no
33 cost, then the commission may determine that for purposes of achieving
34 species harvest management goals that a transport tag is not required
35 to hunt black bear.

36 (4) The fee for a resident and nonresident cougar tag shall be
37 established by the commission in an amount not to exceed twenty-four
38 dollars and three hundred sixty dollars, respectively. Should the

1 commission choose to make cougar transport tags available at no cost,
2 then the commission may determine that for purposes of achieving
3 species harvest management goals that a transport tag is not required
4 to hunt cougar.

5 (5) The fee for a mountain goat tag is sixty dollars for residents
6 and one hundred eighty dollars for nonresidents. The fee shall be paid
7 at the time of application. Applicants who are not selected for a
8 mountain goat special season permit shall receive a refund of this fee,
9 less five dollars.

10 (6) The fee for a sheep tag is ninety dollars for residents and
11 three hundred sixty dollars for nonresidents and shall be paid at the
12 time of application. Applicants who are not selected for a sheep
13 special season permit shall receive a refund of this fee, less five
14 dollars.

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

20 (8) The fee for a wild turkey tag is eighteen dollars for residents
21 and sixty dollars for nonresidents.

22 (9) The fee for a lynx tag is twenty-four dollars for residents and
23 three hundred sixty dollars for nonresidents and shall be paid at the
24 time of application. Applicants who are not selected for a lynx
25 special season permit shall receive a refund of this fee, less five
26 dollars.

27 (10) The department may charge a one-dollar additional fee above
28 the baseline fee to be dedicated to emergency winter feeding. Funds
29 received through these charges shall be used only for emergency winter
30 feeding operations and associated costs.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Section 5 of this act takes effect July 1,
32 2000.

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