
HOUSE BILL 2967

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1 AN ACT Relating to feeding wildlife during emergency conditions;
2 amending RCW 77.32.101, 77.32.340, and 67.70.240; adding a new section
3 to chapter 77.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 67.70 RCW; and
4 creating a new section.

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, as determined by the
13 director of the department of fish and wildlife.

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

16 The department of fish and wildlife shall develop and implement an
17 emergency winter feeding funding plan. The plan must be designed to
18 raise at least five hundred thousand dollars per year. The department

1 may use a number of mechanisms to raise money to carry out the purposes
2 of this plan. The department shall include at least the following
3 mechanisms: (1) Increased fees; (2) a voluntary contribution when
4 purchasing a hunting or combination hunting and fishing license; and
5 (3) solicitation of donations. All money raised for the purpose of
6 chapter . . . , Laws of 1998 (this act) shall be deposited in the
7 wildlife fund and shall be used only for emergency winter feeding
8 operations and associated costs.

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

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

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

19 (3) A fishing license allows the holder to fish for game fish
20 throughout the state. The fee for this license is seventeen dollars
21 for residents fifteen years of age or older and under seventy years of
22 age, three dollars for residents seventy years of age or older, and
23 forty-eight dollars for nonresidents fifteen years of age or older.

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

28 (4) A steelhead fishing license allows the holder of a combination
29 hunting and fishing license or a fishing license issued under this
30 section to fish for steelhead throughout the state. The fee for this
31 license is eighteen dollars.

32 (5) A juvenile steelhead license allows residents under fifteen
33 years of age and nonresidents under fifteen years of age who hold a
34 fishing license to fish for steelhead throughout the state. The fee
35 for this license is six dollars and entitles the holder to take up to
36 five steelhead at which time another juvenile steelhead license may be
37 purchased. Any person who purchases a juvenile steelhead license is

1 prohibited from purchasing a steelhead license for the same calendar
2 year.

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

5 Fees for transport tags shall be as follows:

6 (1) The baseline fee for a resident deer tag is eighteen dollars.
7 The baseline fee for a nonresident deer tag is sixty dollars.

8 (2) The baseline fee for a resident elk tag is twenty-four dollars.
9 The baseline fee for a nonresident elk tag is one hundred twenty
10 dollars.

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

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

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

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

35 (7) The fee for a moose tag is one hundred eighty dollars for
36 residents and three hundred sixty dollars for nonresidents and shall be
37 paid at the time of application. Applicants who are not selected for

1 a moose special season permit shall receive a refund of this fee, less
2 five dollars.

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

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

10 (10) The department may charge a one dollar additional fee above
11 the baseline fee to implement section 2 of this act.

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 67.70 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The state lottery must be utilized to generate at least fifty
15 percent of the five hundred thousand dollars to be raised under chapter
16 . . . , Laws of 1998 (this act). The lottery commission shall conduct
17 at least two, but not more than four, scratch games with fish and
18 wildlife themes per year. These games are intended to generate
19 additional moneys for deposit in the wildlife fund for dedication to
20 the emergency winter feeding of wildlife. At such time as the amount
21 in the state's wildlife fund for emergency winter feeding equals one
22 and one-half million dollars, the lottery commission shall discontinue
23 the scratch games until the amount drops below one and one-half million
24 dollars. Thereafter the lottery commission shall conduct up to four
25 scratch games with wildlife themes per year to help maintain the
26 balance in the wildlife fund for the purpose of funding the emergency
27 winter feeding of wildlife at one and one-half million dollars.

28 **Sec. 6.** RCW 67.70.240 and 1997 c 220 s 206 (Referendum Bill No.
29 48) are each amended to read as follows:

30 The moneys in the state lottery account shall be used only:

31 (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery
32 tickets or shares;

33 (2) For purposes of making deposits into the reserve account
34 created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account
35 created by RCW 67.70.260;

36 (3) For purposes of making deposits into the state's general fund;

1 (4) For distribution to a county for the purpose of paying the
2 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to
3 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including
4 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs. Three million dollars
5 shall be distributed under this subsection during calendar year 1996.
6 During subsequent years, such distributions shall equal the prior
7 year's distributions increased by four percent. Distributions under
8 this subsection shall cease when the bonds issued for the construction
9 of the baseball stadium are retired, but not more than twenty years
10 after the tax under RCW 82.14.0485 is first imposed;

11 (5) For distribution to the stadium and exhibition center account,
12 created in RCW 43.99N.060. Subject to the conditions of RCW
13 43.99N.070, six million dollars shall be distributed under this
14 subsection during the calendar year 1998. During subsequent years,
15 such distribution shall equal the prior year's distributions increased
16 by four percent. No distribution may be made under this subsection
17 after December 31, 1999, unless the conditions for issuance of the
18 bonds under RCW 43.99N.020(2) are met. Distributions under this
19 subsection shall cease when the bonds are retired, but not later than
20 December 31, 2020;

21 (6) For the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-
22 related services; ~~((and))~~

23 (7) For the payment of agent compensation; and

24 (8) For purposes of making deposits into the state's wildlife fund
25 for dedication to the emergency winter wildlife feeding program.

26 The office of financial management shall require the allotment of
27 all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and
28 means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes
29 in the allotments.

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