

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2435

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Setting fees for the production of duplicate fish and wildlife license documents.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Jackley, Eickmeyer, Doumit, Buck, Rockefeller, Clements, Berkey and Orcutt; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife).

House Committee on Natural Resources
Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines

Background:

An individual must possess a license issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife in order to lawfully hunt for most wild animals and to fish and harvest seaweed and shellfish. Licenses are also necessary in order to practice taxidermy for a profit, deal in raw furs, act as a fishing guide, operate a game farm, purchase or sell game fish, or use department-managed facilities.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission has the authority to adopt rules for the issuance of recreational licenses and the collection of fees. In March of 2001, the department began issuing licenses and collecting fees through the Washington Interactive Licensing Database system. This is a computer-based system that replaced the paper system for license issuance.

If a license is lost or stolen a duplicate may be issued. The director of the department has authority to establish by rule the conditions for the issuance of duplicate licenses. By statute, the fee for a duplicate license is \$10 for those licenses that are \$10 or more, and equal to the value of the license for licenses that are less than \$10.

Summary:

The director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife is authorized to establish fees for issuing duplicate licenses. The fee for a duplicate department license may not exceed the actual cost to the department for issuing the duplicate.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0

Senate 49 0

Effective: June 13, 2002