

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2435

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines, February 25, 2002

Title: An act relating to duplicate fish and wildlife documents.

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

Sponsors: 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).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines: 2/21/02, 2/25/02 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & SHORELINES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Poulsen, Vice Chair; Hargrove, McDonald, Morton, Oke, Snyder, Spanel and Stevens.

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Background: A license issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife is required to hunt for most wild animals and fish and to 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 received. The director of the department has the 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 of Bill: The cost to the consumer for a duplicate Department of Fish and Wildlife license may not exceed the actual cost to the department for issuing the duplicate.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.