
HOUSE BILL 2255

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding biotoxin testing and monitoring on
2 beaches used for recreational shellfishing; amending RCW 77.32.520 and
3 77.32.470; adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; creating a new
4 section; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The department shall collect a two-dollar surcharge on the
9 purchase of:

10 (a) All resident and nonresident shellfish and seaweed licenses
11 issued under RCW 77.32.520(2)(a); and

12 (b) All resident and nonresident adult combination licenses issued
13 under RCW 77.32.470(2)(a).

14 (2) The surcharge required by this section is in addition to any
15 other fees or charges authorized by this chapter.

16 (3) The surcharge collected under this section must be deposited in
17 the general fund--local account managed by the department of health,
18 and used by the department of health to fund biotoxin testing and
19 monitoring on beaches used for recreational shellfishing.

1 (4) Any amounts collected under this section that are in excess of
2 the annual cost of the recreational shellfish testing and monitoring
3 program shall be transferred by the department of health to the general
4 fund.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.520 and 2000 c 107 s 27 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) A personal use shellfish and seaweed license is required for
8 all persons other than residents or nonresidents under fifteen years of
9 age to fish for, take, dig for, or possess seaweed or shellfish for
10 personal use from state waters or offshore waters including national
11 park beaches.

12 (2) The fees for annual personal use shellfish and seaweed licenses
13 are:

14 (a) For a resident fifteen years of age or older, seven dollars;

15 (b) For a nonresident fifteen years of age or older, twenty
16 dollars; and

17 (c) For a senior, five dollars.

18 (3) The license fee for a two-day personal use shellfish and
19 seaweed license is six dollars for residents or nonresidents fifteen
20 years of age or older.

21 (4) If applicable, the fees authorized in this section are in
22 addition to the surcharge authorized by section 1 of this act.

23 (5) The personal use shellfish and seaweed license shall be visible
24 on the licensee while harvesting shellfish or seaweed.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.470 and 1998 c 191 s 16 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 (1) A personal use saltwater, freshwater, combination, temporary,
28 or family fishing weekend license is required for all persons fifteen
29 years of age or older to fish for or possess fish taken for personal
30 use from state waters or offshore waters.

31 (2) The fees for annual personal use saltwater, freshwater, or
32 combination licenses are as follows:

33 (a) A combination license allows the holder to fish for or possess
34 fish, shellfish, and seaweed from state waters or offshore waters. The
35 fee for this license is thirty-six dollars for residents, seventy-two
36 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth.

1 (b) A saltwater license allows the holder to fish for or possess
2 fish taken from saltwater areas. The fee for this license is eighteen
3 dollars for residents, thirty-six dollars for nonresidents, and five
4 dollars for resident seniors.

5 (c) A freshwater license allows the holder to fish for, take, or
6 possess food fish or game fish species in all freshwater areas. The
7 fee for this license is twenty dollars for residents, forty dollars for
8 nonresidents, and five dollars for resident seniors.

9 (3) If applicable, the fees authorized in this section are in
10 addition to the surcharge authorized by section 1 of this act.

11 (4) A temporary fishing license is valid for two consecutive days
12 and allows the holder to fish for or possess fish taken from state
13 waters or offshore waters. The fee for this temporary fishing license
14 is six dollars for both residents and nonresidents. This license is
15 not valid on game fish species for an eight-consecutive-day period
16 beginning on the opening day of the lowland lake fishing season.

17 ((+4)) (5) A family fishing weekend license allows for a maximum
18 of six anglers: One resident and five youth; two residents and four
19 youth; or one resident, one nonresident, and four youth. This license
20 allows the holders to fish for or possess fish taken from state waters
21 or offshore waters. The fee for this license is twenty dollars. This
22 license is only valid during periods as specified by rule of the
23 department.

24 ((+5)) (6) The commission may adopt rules to create and sell
25 combination licenses for all hunting and fishing activities at or below
26 a fee equal to the total cost of the individual license contained
27 within any combination.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The surcharge required by section 1 of this
29 act must be implemented by the department of fish and wildlife upon the
30 effective date of this section and is applicable to the license year
31 that is in effect at that time.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate
33 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
34 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect

1 immediately.

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