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1 AN ACT Relating to employer-purchased fishing guide licenses;
2 amending RCW 77.65.370 and 77.65.480; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 77.65 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.65
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Upon termination of the employment relationship by an
8 employee or by an employing person, firm, or business, the employee
9 shall return to the person, firm, or business who purchased the
10 license on the employee's behalf any license described in subsection
11 (2) of this section that the employee possesses.

12 (2) This section applies to the following types of licenses if
13 the following types of licenses are purchased by a person, firm, or
14 business on behalf of an employee of that person, firm, or business:

15 (a) A food fish guide license issued under RCW 77.65.370; and

16 (b) A game fish guide license issued under RCW 77.65.480.

17 (3) Any license described in subsection (2) of this section that
18 is returned to the person, firm, or business who purchased the
19 license pursuant to this section is transferable to another employee
20 of the person, firm, or business who qualifies for a license under
21 RCW 77.65.050 and 77.65.560.

1 (4)(a) An employee who fails to return a license as provided in
2 this section shall pay to the person, firm, or business who purchased
3 the license on the employee's behalf an amount equal to the full
4 amount of the license fee and any application fee paid.

5 (b) A license possessed by an employee who fails to return the
6 license as provided in this section or to pay the person, firm, or
7 business who purchased the license on the employee's behalf as
8 provided in (a) of this subsection is invalidated.

9 (5) For the purposes of this section, "purchased" means the
10 payment of the full amount of the license fee and any application fee
11 applicable to the license.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.65.370 and 2013 c 314 s 3 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) A person shall not offer or perform the services of a food
15 fish guide without a food fish guide license in the taking of food
16 fish for personal use in freshwater rivers and streams, except that a
17 charter boat license is required to operate a vessel from which a
18 person may for a fee fish for food fish in state waters listed in RCW
19 77.65.150(4)(b).

20 (2) Only an individual at least sixteen years of age may hold a
21 food fish guide license. No individual may hold more than one food
22 fish guide license.

23 (3) An application for a food fish guide license must include the
24 information required in RCW 77.65.560.

25 (4) A food fish guide license purchased by a person, firm, or
26 business on behalf of an employee is subject to section 1 of this
27 act.

28 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.65.480 and 2013 c 314 s 2 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) A taxidermy license allows the holder to practice taxidermy
31 for commercial purposes, as that term is defined in RCW 77.15.110.
32 The fee for this license is one hundred eighty dollars. The
33 application fee is seventy dollars.

34 (2) A fur dealer's license allows the holder to purchase,
35 receive, or resell raw furs for commercial purposes, as that term is
36 defined in RCW 77.15.110. The fee for this license is one hundred
37 eighty dollars. The application fee is seventy dollars.

1 (3)(a) A game fish guide license allows the holder to offer or
2 perform the services of a game fish guide in the taking of game fish.
3 The fee for this license is one hundred eighty dollars for a resident
4 and six hundred dollars for a nonresident. The application fee is
5 seventy dollars. An application for a game fish guide license must
6 include the information required in RCW 77.65.560.

7 (b) A game fish guide license purchased by a person, firm, or
8 business on behalf of an employee is subject to section 1 of this
9 act.

10 (4) A game farm license allows the holder to operate a game farm
11 to acquire, breed, grow, keep, and sell wildlife under conditions
12 prescribed by the rules adopted pursuant to this title. The fee for
13 this license is seventy-two dollars for the first year and forty-
14 eight dollars for each following year. The application fee is seventy
15 dollars.

16 (5) A game fish stocking permit allows the holder to release game
17 fish into the waters of the state as prescribed by rule of the
18 commission. The fee for this permit is twenty-four dollars. The
19 application fee is seventy dollars.

20 (6) A fishing or field trial permit allows the holder to promote,
21 conduct, hold, or sponsor a fishing or field trial contest in
22 accordance with rules of the commission. The fee for a fishing
23 contest permit is twenty-four dollars. The fee for a field trial
24 contest permit is twenty-four dollars. The application fee is seventy
25 dollars.

26 (7)(a) An anadromous game fish buyer's license allows the holder
27 to purchase or sell steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish
28 harvested by Indian fishers lawfully exercising fishing rights
29 reserved by federal statute, treaty, or executive order, under
30 conditions prescribed by rule of the director. The fee for this
31 license is one hundred eighty dollars. The application fee is one
32 hundred five dollars.

33 (b) An anadromous game fish buyer's license is not required for
34 those businesses that buy steelhead trout and other anadromous game
35 fish from Washington licensed game fish dealers and sell solely at
36 retail.

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