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Short Title: Increase Wildlife Resources License Fees. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Moffitt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEES CHARGED FOR CERTAIN HUNTING AND
3 FISHING LICENSES ISSUED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AND
4 TO REPEAL THE RESIDENT COUNTY HUNTING LICENSE, THE RESIDENT
5 COUNTY TRAPPING LICENSE, AND THE RESIDENT COUNTY INLAND FISHING
6 LICENSE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-270.1C(b) reads as rewritten:

9 "(b) Combination hunting and inland fishing licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources
10 Commission are:

- 11 (1) Resident Annual Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License – ~~\$20.00-~~
12 \$30.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual resident of the
13 State.
14 (2), (3) Repealed by Session Laws 1997-326, s. 2.
15 (4) Repealed by Session Laws 2005-455, s. 1.6, effective January 1, 2007.
16 (5) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland
17 Fishing License – \$10.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual
18 who is a resident of the State and who is a fifty percent (50%) or more
19 disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veterans
20 Affairs. This license remains valid for the lifetime of the licensee so long as
21 the licensee remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled. This license
22 entitles the licensee to fish in public mountain trout waters as provided in
23 G.S. 113-272(a).
24 (6) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing
25 License – \$10.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a
26 resident of the State and who is totally and permanently disabled as
27 determined by the Social Security Administration. This license remains valid
28 for the lifetime of the licensee. This license entitles the licensee to fish in
29 public mountain trout waters as provided in G.S. 113-272(a)."

30 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 113-270.1D(a) reads as rewritten:

31 "(a) Annual Sportsman License – ~~\$40.00-~~\$50.00. This license shall be issued only to an
32 individual resident of the State and entitles the licensee to take all wild animals and wild birds,
33 including waterfowl, by all lawful methods in all open seasons, including the use of game
34 lands, and to fish with hook and line for all fish in all inland and joint fishing waters, including
35 public mountain trout waters. An annual sportsman license issued under this subsection does



1 not entitle the licensee to engage in recreational fishing in coastal fishing waters that are not
2 joint fishing waters."

3 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 113-270.2(c) reads as rewritten:

4 "(c) The hunting licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are as follows:

- 5 (1) Resident State Hunting License – ~~\$15.00.~~ \$20.00. This license shall be
6 issued only to an individual resident of the State.
7 (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Hunting License – \$250.00. This license
8 shall be issued only to an individual resident of the State and is valid for the
9 lifetime of the holder.
10 (3) ~~Resident County Hunting License – \$10.00. This license shall be issued only
11 to an individual resident of the State and is valid only in the county of
12 residence of the license holder.~~
13 (4) Controlled Hunting Preserve Hunting License – ~~\$15.00.~~ \$20.00. This license
14 shall be issued to an individual resident or nonresident to take only foxes and
15 domestically raised game birds, other than wild turkey, only within a
16 controlled hunting preserve licensed and operated in accordance with
17 G.S. 113-273(g) and implementing rules of the Wildlife Resources
18 Commission.
19 (5) Resident Annual Comprehensive Hunting License – ~~\$30.00.~~ \$40.00. This
20 license shall be issued only to an individual resident of the State.
21 (6) Nonresident State Hunting License. This license shall be issued only to a
22 nonresident. The nonresident State hunting licenses issued by the Wildlife
23 Resources Commission are:
24 a. Season License – ~~\$60.00.~~ \$80.00.
25 b. Six-Day License – ~~\$40.00.~~ \$60.00. This license is valid for the six
26 consecutive dates indicated on the license."

27 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 113-270.3(b) reads as rewritten:

28 "(b) The special activity licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are as
29 follows:

- 30 (1) Resident Big Game Hunting License – ~~\$10.00.~~ \$15.00. This license shall be
31 issued only to an individual resident of the State and entitles the holder to
32 take big game by all lawful methods and during all open seasons.
33 (1a) Nonresident Bear Hunting License – ~~\$125.00.~~ \$150.00. This license is valid
34 for use only by an individual within the State and must be procured before
35 taking any bear within the State. Notwithstanding any other provision of
36 law, a nonresident individual may not take any bear within the State without
37 procuring this license; provided, that those persons who have a nonresident
38 lifetime sportsman combination license purchased prior to May 24, 1994,
39 shall not have to purchase this license.
40 (2) Nonresident Big Game Hunting License. This license shall be issued only to
41 an individual nonresident of the State and entitles the holder to take big
42 game by all lawful methods and during all open seasons. The nonresident
43 big game hunting licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are:
44 a. Season License – ~~\$60.00.~~ \$80.00.
45 b. Six-Day License – ~~\$40.00.~~ \$60.00. This license is only valid for the
46 six consecutive dates indicated on the license.
47 (2a) Bonus Antlerless Deer License – ~~\$10.00.~~ \$15.00. This license shall be issued
48 to an individual resident or nonresident of the State who holds a valid North
49 Carolina big game hunting license or an individual resident who is exempt
50 from the hunting license requirement in accordance with G.S. 113-276(c)
51 and G.S. 113-276(d) and entitles the holder to take two antlerless deer during

1 seasons and by methods authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

2 This license expires June 30.

- 3 (3) Game Land License – ~~\$15.00.~~ \$20.00. This license shall be issued to an
4 individual resident or nonresident of the State and entitles the holder to hunt
5 and trap on game lands managed by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
6 The Wildlife Resources Commission may, pursuant to G.S. 113-264(a),
7 designate in its rules other activities on game lands that require purchase of
8 this license and may charge additional fees for use of specially developed
9 facilities.

- 10 (4) Falconry License – \$10.00. This license shall be issued to an individual
11 resident or nonresident of the State and must be procured before:

12 a. Taking, importing, transporting, or possessing a raptor; or

13 b. Taking wildlife by means of falconry.

14 The Wildlife Resources Commission may issue classes of falconry licenses
15 necessary to participate in the federal/State permit system, require necessary
16 examinations before issuing licenses or permits to engage in various
17 authorized activities related to possession and maintenance of raptors and the
18 sport of falconry, and regulate licenses as required by governing federal law
19 and rules. To defray the costs of administering required examinations, the
20 Wildlife Resources Commission may charge reasonable fees upon giving
21 them. To meet minimum federal standards plus other State standards in the
22 interests of conservation of wildlife resources, the Wildlife Resources
23 Commission may impose all necessary controls, including those set out in
24 the sections pertaining to collection licenses and captivity licenses, and may
25 issue permits and require reports, but no collection license or captivity
26 license is needed in addition to the falconry license.

- 27 (5) Migratory Waterfowl Hunting License – ~~\$10.00.~~ \$15.00. This license shall
28 be issued to an individual resident or nonresident of the State and entitles the
29 holder to take migratory waterfowl in accordance with applicable laws and
30 regulations. The Wildlife Resources Commission may implement this
31 license requirement through the sale of an official waterfowl stamp which
32 may be a facsimile, in an appropriate size, of the waterfowl conservation
33 print authorized by G.S. 113-270.2B. An amount not less than one-half of
34 the annual proceeds from the sale of this license shall be used by the
35 Commission for cooperative waterfowl habitat improvement projects
36 through contracts with local waterfowl interests, with the remainder of the
37 proceeds to be used by the Commission in its statewide programs for the
38 conservation of waterfowl."

39 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 113-270.4(b) reads as rewritten:

40 "(b) The hunting and fishing guide licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources are:

- 41 (1) Resident Hunting and Fishing Guide License – ~~\$10.00.~~ \$20.00. This license
42 is valid for use only by an individual resident of the State.
43 (2) Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Guide License – ~~\$100.00.~~ \$125.00. This
44 license is valid for use by a nonresident individual in the State."

45 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 113-270.5(b) reads as rewritten:

46 "(b) The trapping licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are as follows:

- 47 (1) Resident State Trapping License – ~~\$25.00.~~ \$30.00. This license is valid only
48 for use by an individual resident of the State.
49 (2) ~~Resident County Trapping License – \$10.00. This license is valid only for~~
50 ~~use by an individual resident of the State within the county in which he~~
51 ~~resides.~~

- 1 (3) Nonresident State Trapping License – ~~\$100.00.~~ \$120.00. This license is valid
2 for use by an individual within the State."
- 3 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 113-271(d) reads as rewritten:
4 "(d) The hook-and-line fishing licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission
5 are as follows:
- 6 (1) Resident Annual Comprehensive Inland Fishing License – ~~\$20.00.~~ \$25.00.
7 This license shall be issued only to an individual resident of the State.
- 8 (2) Resident State Inland Fishing License – ~~\$15.00.~~ \$20.00. This license shall be
9 issued only to an individual resident of the State.
- 10 (3) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Inland Fishing License – \$250.00. This
11 license shall be issued only to an individual resident of the State and is valid
12 for the lifetime of the licensee.
- 13 ~~(4) Resident County Inland Fishing License – \$10.00. This license shall be
14 issued only to an individual resident of the State and is valid only within the
15 county of residence of the licensee.~~
- 16 (5) Nonresident State Inland Fishing License – ~~\$30.00.~~ \$40.00. This license
17 shall be issued to an individual nonresident of the State.
- 18 (6) Short-Term Inland Fishing Licenses. Short-term inland fishing licenses are
19 valid only for the date or consecutive dates indicated on the licenses.
20 Short-term inland fishing licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources
21 Commission are:
- 22 a. Resident 10-day Inland Fishing License – ~~\$5.00.~~ \$10.00. This license
23 shall be issued only to a resident of the State.
- 24 b. Nonresident 10-day Inland Fishing License – ~~\$10.00.~~ \$20.00. This
25 license shall be issued only to a nonresident of the State.
- 26 c. Repealed by Session Laws 2005-455, s. 1.8, effective January 1,
27 2007.
- 28 (6a) Age 65 Resident Lifetime Inland Fishing License – \$15.00. This license
29 shall be issued only to an individual resident of the State who is at least 65
30 years of age.
- 31 (6b) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Inland Fishing License – \$10.00. This
32 license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State
33 and who is a fifty percent (50%) or more disabled veteran as determined by
34 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This license remains valid
35 for the lifetime of the licensee so long as the licensee remains fifty percent
36 (50%) or more disabled.
- 37 (6c) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Inland Fishing License – \$10.00. This
38 license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State
39 and who is totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social
40 Security Administration. This license remains valid for the lifetime of the
41 licensee.
- 42 (7), (8) Repealed by Session Laws 2005-455, s. 1.8, effective January 1, 2007.
- 43 (9) Special Landholder and Guest Fishing License – ~~\$50.00.~~ \$60.00. This
44 license shall be issued only to the landholder of private property bordering
45 inland or joint fishing waters. This license shall entitle the landholder and
46 guests of the landholder to fish from the shore or any pier or dock
47 originating from the property without any additional fishing license. This
48 license is applicable only to private property and private docks and piers and
49 is not valid for any public property, pier, or dock nor for any private
50 property, pier, or dock operated for any commercial purpose whatsoever.
51 This license shall not be in force unless displayed on the premises of the

1 property and only entitles fishing without additional license to persons
2 fishing from the licensed property and then only when fishing within the
3 private property lines. This license is not transferable as to person or
4 location. For purposes of this subdivision, a guest is any individual invited
5 by the landholder to fish from the property at no charge. A charge includes
6 any fee, assessment, dues, rent, or other consideration which must be paid,
7 whether directly or indirectly, in order to be allowed to fish from the
8 property, regardless of the stated reason for such charge."

9 **SECTION 8.** G.S. 113-272 reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 113-272. Special trout license; mountain heritage trout waters 3-day fishing license.**

11 (a) License Required. – Except as provided in G.S. 113-270.1D, G.S. 113-270.1C(b),
12 and G.S. 113-271(a), no one may fish in public mountain trout waters without having first
13 procured a current and valid special trout license in addition to a hook-and-line fishing license
14 required in G.S. 113-271. When public mountain trout waters occur on game lands, this license
15 entitles the holder to use game lands only for the purpose of access to public mountain trout
16 waters to fish with hook and line.

17 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 684, s. 5, effective July 1,
18 1995.

19 (c) Definitions. – As used in this section:

20 (1) City has the same meaning as in G.S. 160A-1.

21 (2) Mountain heritage trout waters are those waters that have been designated as
22 public mountain trout waters by the Wildlife Resources Commission, and
23 that run through or are adjacent to a city that has been designated as a
24 Mountain Heritage Trout City pursuant to G.S. 113-272.3(e).

25 (3) Public mountain trout waters are those waters so designated by the Wildlife
26 Resources Commission which are managed and regulated to sustain a
27 mountain trout fishery.

28 (d) Special Trout License: Fee. – ~~\$10.00~~–\$15.00. This license shall be issued to an
29 individual resident or nonresident of the State and entitles the holder to fish with hook and line
30 in public mountain trout waters.

31 (e) Mountain Heritage Trout Waters 3-Day Fishing License: Fee. – ~~\$5.00~~–\$10.00. This
32 license shall be issued to an individual resident or nonresident of the State and shall entitle the
33 holder to fish in waters designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as mountain heritage
34 trout waters for the three consecutive days indicated on the license. An individual who holds a
35 mountain heritage trout waters 3-day fishing license does not need to hold a hook-and-line
36 fishing license issued pursuant to G.S. 113-271 in order to fish in mountain heritage trout
37 waters."

38 **SECTION 9.** G.S. 113-272.2(c) reads as rewritten:

39 "(c) The special device licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are as
40 follows:

41 (1) Resident Noncommercial Special Device License – ~~\$10.00~~–\$15.00. Except
42 as rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission provide for use of equipment
43 by more than one person, this license is valid only for use by an individual
44 resident of the State. It authorizes the taking of nongame fish from inland
45 fishing waters with no more than three special devices authorized by the
46 rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission for use in specified waters. The
47 Wildlife Resources Commission may restrict the user of the license to
48 specified registered equipment, require tagging of items of equipment,
49 charge up to one dollar (\$1.00) per tag issued, and require periodic catch
50 data reports. Unless specifically prohibited, nongame fish lawfully taken
51 under this license may be sold.

- 1 (1a) Resident Commercial Special Device License – ~~\$100.00-~~\$125.00. Except as
2 rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission provide for use of equipment by
3 more than one person, this license is valid only for use by an individual
4 resident of the State. It authorizes the taking of nongame fish from inland
5 fishing waters with four or more special devices authorized by the rules of
6 the Wildlife Resources Commission for use in specified waters. The Wildlife
7 Resources Commission may restrict the user of the license to specified
8 registered equipment, require tagging of items of equipment, charge up to
9 one dollar (\$1.00) per tag issued, and require periodic catch data reports.
10 Nongame fish lawfully taken under this license may be sold.
- 11 (2) Nonresident Noncommercial Special Device License – ~~\$50.00-~~\$60.00.
12 Except as rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission provide for use of
13 equipment by more than one person, this license is valid for use only by an
14 individual within the State. It is otherwise subject to the terms and
15 conditions set out in subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- 16 (2a) Nonresident Commercial Special Device License – ~~\$200.00-~~\$220.00.
17 Except as rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission provide for use of
18 equipment by more than one person, this license is valid only for use by an
19 individual within the State. It is otherwise subject to the terms and
20 conditions set out in subdivision (1a) of this subsection.
- 21 (3), (4) Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 156, s. 11."

22 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 113-351(c) reads as rewritten:

23 "(c) Types of Unified Hunting and Fishing Licenses; Fees; Duration. – The Wildlife
24 Resources Commission shall issue the following Unified Hunting and Fishing Licenses:

- 25 (1) Annual Resident Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License. –
26 ~~\$55.00-~~\$70.00. This license is valid for a period of one year from the date of
27 issuance. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident
28 of the State. This license authorizes the licensee to take all wild animals and
29 wild birds, including waterfowl, by all lawful methods in all open seasons,
30 including the use of game lands; to fish with hook and line for all fish in all
31 inland fishing waters and joint fishing waters, including public mountain
32 trout waters; and to engage in recreational fishing in coastal fishing waters.
- 33 (2) Annual Resident Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License. –
34 ~~\$35.00-~~\$45.00. This license is valid for a period of one year from the date of
35 issuance. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident
36 of the State. This license authorizes the licensee to fish with hook and line
37 for all fish in all inland fishing waters and joint fishing waters, including
38 public mountain trout waters, and to engage in recreational fishing in coastal
39 fishing waters.
- 40 (3) Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses. – Except
41 as provided in sub-subdivision f. of this subdivision, a license issued under
42 this subdivision is valid for the lifetime of the licensee. A license issued
43 under this subdivision authorizes the licensee to take all wild animals and
44 wild birds, including waterfowl, by all lawful methods in all open seasons,
45 including the use of game lands; to fish with hook and line for all fish in all
46 inland fishing waters and joint fishing waters, including public mountain
47 trout waters; and to engage in recreational fishing in coastal fishing waters.
- 48 a. Infant Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing
49 License. – \$275.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual
50 who is younger than one year of age.

- 1 b. Youth Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing
2 License. – \$450.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual
3 who is one year of age or older but younger than 12 years of age.
4 c. Resident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational
5 Fishing License. – \$675.00. This license shall be issued only to an
6 individual who is 12 years of age or older but younger than 65 years
7 of age and who is a resident of the State.
8 d. Nonresident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational
9 Fishing License. – \$1,350. This license shall be issued only to an
10 individual who is 12 years of age or older and who is not a resident
11 of the State.
12 e. Resident Age 65 Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational
13 Fishing License. – \$30.00. This license shall be issued only to an
14 individual who is 65 years of age or older and who is a resident of
15 the State.
16 f. Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal
17 Recreational Fishing License. – \$110.00. This license shall be issued
18 only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is a fifty
19 percent (50%) or more disabled veteran as determined by the United
20 States Department of Veterans Affairs. This license remains valid for
21 the lifetime of the licensee so long as the licensee remains fifty
22 percent (50%) or more disabled.
23 g. Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal
24 Recreational Fishing License. – \$110.00. This license shall be issued
25 only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is totally
26 and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security
27 Administration.
- 28 (4) Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses. – Except as
29 provided in sub-subdivisions b. and c. of this subdivision, a license issued
30 under this subdivision is valid for the lifetime of the licensee. A license
31 issued under this subdivision authorizes the licensee to fish with hook and
32 line for all fish in all inland fishing waters and joint fishing waters, including
33 public mountain trout waters, and to engage in recreational fishing in coastal
34 fishing waters.
- 35 a. Resident Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing
36 License. – \$450.00.
37 b. Resident Legally Blind Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational
38 Fishing License. – No charge. This license shall be issued only to an
39 individual who is a resident of the State and who has been certified
40 by the Department of Health and Human Services as an individual
41 whose vision with glasses is insufficient for use in ordinary
42 occupations for which sight is essential. This license remains valid
43 for the lifetime of the licensee so long as the licensee remains legally
44 blind.
45 c. Resident Adult Care Home Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal
46 Recreational Fishing License. – No charge. This license shall be
47 issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who
48 resides in an adult care home as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1 or
49 G.S. 131E-101(1). This license remains valid for the lifetime of the
50 licensee so long as the licensee remains a resident of an adult care
51 home."

SECTION 11. G.S. 113-174.2(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Types of CRFLs; Fees; Duration. – The Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue the following CRFLs:

- (1) Annual Resident CRFL. – ~~\$15.00.~~ \$20.00. This license is valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State.
- (1a) Annual Nonresident CRFL. – ~~\$30.00.~~ \$40.00. This license is valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is not a resident of the State.
- (2) Repealed by Session Laws 2005-455, s. 1.4, effective January 1, 2007.
- (3) Repealed by Session Laws 2005-455, s. 1.4, effective January 1, 2007.
- (4) Ten-Day Resident CRFL. – ~~\$5.00.~~ \$10.00. This license is valid for a period of 10 consecutive days, as indicated on the license. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State.
- (4a) Ten-Day Nonresident CRFL. – ~~\$10.00.~~ \$20.00. This license is valid for a period of 10 consecutive days, as indicated on the license. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is not a resident of the State.
- (5) Repealed by Session Laws 2005-455, s. 1.4, effective January 1, 2007.
- (6) Lifetime CRFLs. – Except as provided in sub-subdivision j. of this subdivision, CRFLs issued under this subdivision are valid for the lifetime of the licensee.
 - a. –d. Repealed by Session Laws 2005-455, s. 1.4, effective January 1, 2007.
 - e. Infant Lifetime CRFL. – \$100.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual younger than one year of age.
 - f. Youth Lifetime CRFL. – \$150.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is one year of age or older but younger than 12 years of age.
 - g. Resident Adult Lifetime CRFL. – \$250.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is 12 years of age or older but younger than 65 years of age and who is a resident of the State.
 - h. Nonresident Adult Lifetime CRFL. – \$500.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is 12 years of age or older and who is not a resident of the State.
 - i. Resident Age 65 Lifetime CRFL. – \$15.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is 65 years of age or older and who is a resident of the State.
 - j. Resident Disabled Veteran CRFL. – \$10.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is a fifty percent (50%) or more disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This license remains valid for the lifetime of the licensee so long as the licensee remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled.
 - k. Resident Totally Disabled CRFL. – \$10.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration."

SECTION 12. This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.