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CHAPTER 156
SENATE BILL 280

AN ACT TO REVISE THE LICENSE FEES FOR HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND
FISHING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 113-270.2(c) reads as rewritten:

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

- (1) Resident sportsman combination license – ~~\$30.00~~\$40.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.
- (1a) Lifetime sportsman combination licenses. – These licenses are valid only for use by individual holders and are of the following types depending on the holders' ages on the dates of issue:
 - a. Type I available only to an individual under one year of age – ~~\$100.00~~\$200.00.
 - b. Type Y available only to an individual under 12 years of age – ~~\$200.00~~\$350.00.
 - c. Type A available to a resident individual of any age – ~~\$300.00~~\$500.00.
 - d. Type N available to a nonresident individual of any age – ~~\$500.00~~\$1,000.
- (2) Resident combination hunting-fishing license – ~~\$15.50~~\$20.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.
- (3) Resident State hunting license – ~~\$11.50~~\$15.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.
- (3a) Lifetime resident ~~State-comprehensive~~ hunting license – ~~\$150.00~~\$250.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.
- (4) Resident county hunting license – ~~\$6.00~~\$10.00. This license is valid for use by an individual resident of the State within the county in which he resides.
- (5) Controlled shooting preserve hunting license – ~~\$12.50~~\$15.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual hunting in special controlled shooting preserves licensed in accordance with this subchapter.
- (6) Nonresident sportsman combination license – ~~\$95.00~~\$130.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State.

- (7) ~~Nonresident State hunting license — \$41.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State.~~
- (8) Nonresident six-day hunting license – ~~\$25.00~~ \$40.00. This license is valid only for use on six consecutive hunting days by an individual within the State. Consecutive hunting days do not include Sundays except on military reservations where Sunday hunting is permitted.
- (8a) Resident comprehensive hunting license – \$30.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.
- (8b) Nonresident comprehensive hunting license – \$80.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State.
- (9) Disabled veteran lifetime combination hunting-fishing license – \$7.50. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State who is a fifty percent (50%) or more disabled war veteran as determined by the Veterans Administration. The license is valid for the life of the individual so long as he remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled.
- (10) [Reserved.]
- (11) Age 70 lifetime combination hunting-fishing license – \$10.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State who has attained the age of 70 years. The license is valid for the life of the individual.
- (12) Totally disabled resident combination hunting-fishing license – \$7.50. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State who is totally disabled (physically incapable of being gainfully employed). This license is valid for the life of the individual so long as he remains totally disabled."

Sec. 2. G.S. 113-270.2(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) One dollar (\$1.00) of the proceeds received from the sale of each nonresident State hunting license sportsman combination license, each nonresident comprehensive hunting license, and each nonresident six-day hunting license ~~sold~~ must be set aside by the Wildlife Resources Commission and contributed to a proper agency or agencies in the United States for expenditure in Canada for the propagation, management, and control of migratory waterfowl."

Sec. 3. G.S. 113-270.3(b) reads as rewritten:

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

- (1) Resident big game hunting license – ~~\$8.00~~ \$10.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State and must be procured before taking any big game within the State.
- (2) ~~Nonresident big game hunting license — \$30.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State and, unless the resident big game hunting license has been validly procured, must be procured before taking any big game within the State.~~

- (2) Nonresident bear hunting license – \$250.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State and must be procured before taking any bear within the State. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a nonresident individual may not take any bear within the State without procuring this license.
- (3) Primitive weapons hunting license – ~~\$8.00~~–\$10.00. This license is valid for use only by an individual ~~within~~–resident of the State and must be procured before taking any wild animals or birds with a primitive weapon during any special season for hunting with primitive weapons established by the Wildlife Resources Commission. During the regular season, a primitive weapon may be used without any special license unless its use is prohibited. For the purposes of this section a 'primitive weapon' includes a bow and arrow, muzzle-loading firearm, and any other primitive weapon specified in the regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- (4) Game land license – ~~\$9.00~~–\$15.00. This license is valid for use only by an individual ~~within~~–resident of the State and must be procured before hunting or trapping on game lands or fishing in managed waters on game lands. Managed waters include public mountain trout waters and other public waters, or private ponds, lying wholly or partly on game lands and designated as managed waters by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Possession of this license does not exempt its holder from payment of any applicable special use fees that may be prescribed by the Wildlife Resources Commission under the authority of G.S. 113-264(a), such as fees for field trials on game lands.
- (5) Falconry license – \$10.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State and must be procured before:
 - a. Taking, importing, transporting, or possessing a raptor; or
 - b. Taking wildlife by means of falconry.

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

Sec. 4. G.S. 113-270.3(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Any individual who possesses a current and valid ~~lifetime or~~–resident or nonresident sportsman combination license or resident or nonresident comprehensive

hunting license may at lawful times and places engage in any specially regulated activity without any of the licenses required by subdivisions (1), ~~(3), and through~~ (4) of subsection (b). The Wildlife Resources Commission may administratively provide for the annual issuance of big game tags, or other identification for big game authorized by subsection (c), to holders of lifetime sportsman combination licenses."

Sec. 5. G.S. 113-270.3(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) Any individual who possesses a current and valid resident or nonresident ~~variable short-term~~ comprehensive fishing license may at lawful times and places fish in managed waters on game lands without the game land license required by subdivision (4) of subsection (b)."

Sec. 6. G.S. 113-270.4 reads as rewritten:

"§ **113-270.4. Hunting guide license.**—(a) No one may serve for hire as a hunting or fishing guide without having first procured a current and valid hunting and fishing guide license. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State meeting the criteria set by the Wildlife Resources Commission for issuance of the license. Possession of the hunting and fishing guide license does not relieve the guide from meeting other applicable license requirements.

(b) The hunting and fishing guide license is an annual license issued upon payment of ~~six dollars (\$6.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00) beginning July 1 of each year running until the following June 30.

(c) The Wildlife Resources Commission may by regulation provide for the qualifications and duties of hunting and fishing guides. In implementing this section, the Wildlife Resources Commission may delegate to the Executive Director and his subordinates administrative responsibilities concerning the selection and supervision of hunting and fishing guides, except that provisions relating to revocation of hunting and fishing guide licenses must be substantially set out in the regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission."

Sec. 7. G.S. 113-270.5(b) reads as rewritten:

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

- (1) Resident State trapping license – ~~\$15.00~~ \$25.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.
- (2) Resident county trapping license – ~~\$8.00~~ \$10.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State within the county in which he resides.
- (3) Nonresident State trapping license – ~~\$60.00~~ \$100.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State."

Sec. 8. G.S. 113-271(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) The hook-and-line fishing licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are as follows:

- (1a) Resident sportsman combination license – ~~\$30.00~~ \$40.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.

- (1b) Resident ~~variable short term~~ comprehensive fishing licenses ~~which are~~ valid only for use by an ~~individual resident~~ residents of the State ~~during the day or consecutive days indicated at the following rates:~~
- a. ~~One day – \$6.50~~ \$10.00.
 - b. ~~Three days – \$9.50.~~
 - e. ~~Six days – \$12.50.~~
 - d. Annual – \$25.00.
- (1c) Lifetime sportsman combination licenses. – These licenses are valid only for use by individual holders and are of the following types depending on the holders' ages on the dates of issue.
- a. Type I available only to an individual under one year of age – ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00.
 - b. Type Y available only to an individual under 12 years of age – ~~\$200.00~~ \$350.00.
 - c. Type A available to a resident individual of any age – ~~\$300.00~~ \$500.00.
 - d. Type N available to a nonresident individual of any age – ~~\$500.00~~ \$1,000.
- (2) Resident combination hunting-fishing license – ~~\$15.00~~ \$20.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.
- (2a) Resident State fishing license – ~~\$11.50~~ \$15.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.
- (2b) Lifetime resident ~~State~~ comprehensive fishing license – ~~\$150.00~~ \$250.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State.
- (3) Resident county fishing license – ~~\$6.00~~ \$10.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State within the county in which he resides.
- (4) Resident ~~variable short term one-day~~ State fishing ~~licenses which are~~ license valid only for use by an individual resident of the State during the day ~~or consecutive days indicated:~~ – \$5.00. ~~at the following rates:~~
- a. ~~One day – \$3.25.~~
 - b. ~~Three days – \$5.50.~~
 - e. ~~Six days – \$7.50.~~
- (4a) Nonresident sportsman combination license – ~~\$95.00~~ \$130.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State.
- (4b) Nonresident ~~variable short term~~ comprehensive fishing licenses ~~which are~~ are valid ~~only~~ for use by an individual within the State only during the day ~~or~~ or consecutive days, ~~or year indicated at the following rates:~~
- a. ~~One day – \$8.50~~ \$15.00.
 - b. ~~Three days – \$12.50~~ \$25.00.
 - e. ~~Six days – \$15.50.~~
 - d. Annual – \$50.00.

- (5) Nonresident State fishing license – ~~\$20.50~~ \$30.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State.
- (6) Nonresident variable short-term State fishing licenses which are valid only for use by an individual within the State during the day or consecutive days indicated at the following rates:
 - a. One day – ~~\$5.50~~ \$10.00.
 - b. Three days – ~~\$8.50~~ \$15.00.
 - e. ~~Six days~~ \$10.50.
- (7) Lifetime fishing license for the legally blind – No charge. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State who has been certified by the Department of Human Resources as a person whose vision with glasses is insufficient for use in ordinary occupations for which sight is essential. This license is valid for the life of the individual so long as he remains legally blind.
- (8) Disabled veteran lifetime combination hunting-fishing license – \$7.50. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State who is a fifty percent (50%) or more disabled war veteran as determined by the Veterans Administration. The license is valid for the life of the individual so long as he remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled.
- (9) [Reserved.]
- (10) Age 70 lifetime combination hunting-fishing license – \$10.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State who has attained the age of 70 years. The license is valid for the life of the individual.
- (11) Totally disabled resident combination hunting-fishing license – \$7.50. This license is valid only for use of an individual resident of the State who is totally disabled (physically incapable of being gainfully employed). This license is valid for the life of the individual so long as he remains totally disabled."

Sec. 9. G.S. 113-271(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) A special guest fishing license, to be sold for an annual fee of ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) upon application to the Wildlife Resources Commission in the form which they may require, may be purchased by the owner or lessee of private property bordering inland or joint fishing waters entitling persons to fish from such waterfront property and any pier or dock originating on such property without any additional inland fishing license. This license is applicable only to private property and private docks and piers and is not valid for any property, pier, or dock operated for any commercial purpose whatsoever. The guest fishing license shall not be in force unless displayed on the premises of the property and only entitles fishing without additional license to persons fishing from the licensed property and then only within the private property lines of the site of posting. The guest fishing license is not transferable as to person or location. These provisions shall not apply to residents of the Cherokee Indian Reservation."

Sec. 10. G.S. 113-272(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) The special trout licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are as follows:

- (1a) Resident sportsman combination license – ~~\$30.00~~ \$40.00. This license is valid in public mountain trout waters for use only by an individual resident of the State.
- (1a1) Resident ~~variable short term~~ comprehensive fishing licenses ~~which are~~ valid for use in public mountain trout waters only by an individual resident of the State ~~during the day or consecutive days indicated at the following rates:~~
 - a. One day – ~~\$6.50~~ \$10.00.
 - b. Three days – ~~\$9.50~~.
 - c. Six days – ~~\$12.50~~.
 - d. Annual – \$25.00.
- (1a2) Lifetime sportsman combination licenses. – These licenses are valid only for use by individual holders and are of the following types depending on the holders' ages on the dates of issue:
 - a. Types I available only to an individual under one year of age – ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.00.
 - b. Types Y available only to an individual under 12 years of age – ~~\$200.00~~ \$350.00.
 - c. Type A available to a resident individual of any age – ~~\$300.00~~ \$500.00.
 - d. Type N available to a nonresident individual of any age – ~~\$500.00~~ \$1,000.
- (1b) Resident special trout license – ~~\$7.00~~ \$10.00. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State in public mountain trout waters.
- (1b1) Lifetime resident comprehensive fishing license – \$250.00.
- (1c) Nonresident sportsman combination license – ~~\$95.00~~ \$130.00. This is valid for use by an individual within the State in public mountain trout waters.
- (1d) Nonresident ~~variable short term~~ comprehensive fishing licenses ~~which are~~ valid for use in public mountain trout waters only by an individual within the State during the day ~~or~~, consecutive days, or year indicated ~~at the following rates:~~
 - a. One day – ~~\$8.50~~ \$15.00.
 - b. Three days – ~~\$12.50~~ \$25.00.
 - c. Six days – ~~\$15.50~~.
 - d. Annual – \$50.00.
- (2) ~~Nonresident special trout license – \$15.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State in public mountain trout waters.~~

- (3) Lifetime fishing license for the legally blind – No charge. This is valid in public mountain trout waters for use only by an individual resident of the State. It is issued upon the terms set out in G.S. 113-271(d)(8)."

Sec. 11. G.S. 113-272.2(c) reads as rewritten:

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

- (1) Resident special device license – ~~\$13.00~~ \$10.00. Except as regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission provide for use of equipment by more than one person, this license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State. It authorizes the taking of nongame fish from inland fishing waters with special devices authorized by the regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission for use in specified waters. The Wildlife Resources Commission may restrict the user of the license to specified registered equipment, require tagging of items of equipment, charge up to one dollar (\$1.00) per tag issued, and require periodic catch data reports. Unless specifically prohibited, nongame fish lawfully taken under this license may be sold.
- (2) Nonresident special device license – ~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00. Except as regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission provide for use of equipment by more than one person, this license is valid for use by an individual within the State. It is otherwise subject to the terms and conditions set out in subdivision (1) above.
- ~~(3) Resident personal use special device license – \$5.25. This license is valid only for use by an individual resident of the State. It authorizes the taking of nongame fish from inland fishing waters with special devices authorized by the regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission for use in specified waters. The Wildlife Resources Commission may restrict the total amount of equipment used, and may require tagging of unattended equipment. Fish taken under this license may not be sold.~~
- ~~(4) Nonresident personal use special device license – \$13.00. This license is valid for use by an individual within the State. It is otherwise subject to the terms and conditions set out in subdivision (3) above."~~

Sec. 12. G.S. 113-272.2(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Any individual who holds a current and valid primitive weapons hunting license, comprehensive hunting license, or sportsman combination license may take nongame fish from inland fishing waters ~~for personal use~~ with a bow and arrow in accordance with the regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission without being required to obtain a special device license."

Sec. 13. All persons holding a lifetime resident State hunting license or a lifetime resident State fishing license on July 1, 1987 may exchange that license for the corresponding lifetime comprehensive hunting license or comprehensive fishing license by paying an additional fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Wildlife Endowment Fund before July 1, 1988. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall mail

a written notice of this option and the method in which it may be exercised to each eligible person at the person's address as indicated in the Commission's records. The Commission may also provide additional publicity of the option by other means.

Sec. 14. This act shall become effective July 1, 1987.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 8th day of May, 1987.