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SYNOPSIS

Provides for discounted resident trapping license fees for senior citizens.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning resident trapping license fees for senior citizens
2 and amending R.S.23:3-4.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. R.S.23:3-4 is amended to read as follows:

8 23:3-4. The licenses issued under this article shall be as follows:

9 a. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age, who has
10 an actual and bona fide domicile in this State at the time of the
11 application for the license and who has had an actual and bona fide
12 domicile in this State for at least six months immediately prior
13 thereto, provided that for a resident's trapping license the person
14 shall be above 12 years of age. These licenses shall be designated
15 as the resident's firearm hunting license, the resident's bow and
16 arrow license, the resident's trapping license, and the resident's
17 fishing license.

18 (1) The resident's firearm hunting license shall authorize its
19 holder to hunt with hounds and firearms only, and a fee of \$26.50
20 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a
21 person above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50
22 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

23 (2) The resident's bow and arrow license shall authorize its
24 holder to hunt with bow and arrow only, and a fee of \$30.50 and an
25 issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a person
26 above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an
27 issuance fee of \$1.00.

28 (3) The resident's trapping license shall authorize its holder to
29 trap only, and a fee of \$31.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
30 charged therefor, except that (a) a person above the age of 65 years
31 shall be charged a fee of \$16.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00, and
32 (b) a person above 12 years and under 16 years of age shall be
33 charged no fee.

34 (4) The resident's fishing license shall authorize its holder to
35 fish only, and a fee of \$21.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
36 charged therefor, except that (a) in any case where the applicant is
37 above 70 years of age and is otherwise qualified, no license shall be
38 required, and (b) a person above 65 years and under 70 years of age
39 shall be charged a fee of \$11.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

40 (5) Any resident of this State who is afflicted with total
41 blindness, upon application to the division, shall be entitled to a
42 resident's fishing license without fee or charge.

43 b. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age not
44 entitled to a resident's license, authorizing him to trap or to hunt,
45 except that a nonresident's two-day small game firearm hunting

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 license shall not permit the taking, hunting, or killing of deer or
2 turkey. These licenses shall be designated as the nonresident's
3 firearm hunting license, the nonresident's bow and arrow license,
4 the nonresident's trapping license, and the nonresident's two-day
5 small game firearm hunting license.

6 (1) The fees for the nonresident's firearm hunting license and
7 the nonresident's bow and arrow license shall each be \$134.50 and
8 an issuance fee of \$1.00.

9 (2) The fee for the nonresident's trapping license shall be
10 \$199.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

11 (3) The fee for a nonresident's two-day small game firearm
12 hunting license shall be \$35.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

13 c. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age not
14 entitled to a resident's license, authorizing him to fish only. These
15 licenses shall be designated as the nonresident's annual fishing
16 license, the nonresident's two-day fishing license, valid for a period
17 of two consecutive days, and the nonresident's seven-day vacation
18 fishing license, valid for a period of seven consecutive days.

19 (1) The fee for the nonresident's annual fishing license shall be
20 \$33.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

21 (2) The fee for the nonresident's two-day fishing license shall be
22 \$8.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

23 (3) The fee for the nonresident's seven-day fishing license shall
24 be \$18.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

25 d. Every license issued hereunder shall be void after December
26 31 next succeeding its issuance, except the one-day hunting license,
27 which shall expire on the date of issuance; the nonresident's seven-
28 day fishing license, which is valid only for seven consecutive days
29 after date of issuance; the nonresident's two-day fishing license,
30 which shall expire on the day after the date of issuance; and the
31 nonresident's two-day small game firearm hunting license, which
32 shall expire on the day after the date of issuance.

33 Any license issued hereunder to a person under 16 years of age
34 shall be void after December 31 of the year in which the licensee
35 becomes 16 years of age.

36 e. The fees for licenses set forth in this section may be adjusted
37 by the Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1982,
38 c.180 (C.23:3-1a).

39 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.10)

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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44 STATEMENT

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46 This bill provides a resident trapping license fee discount to
47 senior citizens. The current law provides discounted licensing rates
48 to senior citizens only with regard to resident fishing, firearm

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- 1 hunting, and bow hunting. Accordingly, this bill would fill a gap in
- 2 the statute by providing senior citizens with a resident trapping
- 3 license fee discount that is consistent with the discounts already
- 4 authorized for other closely related outdoor activities.