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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:
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District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

SYNOPSIS

Reduces residency requirement for resident hunting licenses from six months to 60 days.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning resident hunting licenses and amending
2 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 include,
9 among others authorized by law, the following:

10 a. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age, or in the
11 case of an apprentice firearm hunting license or an apprentice bow
12 and arrow license, a license issued to a person above 14 years of
13 age, who has an actual and bona fide domicile in this State at the
14 time of the application for the license and who has had an actual
15 and bona fide domicile in this State for at least **[six months]** 60
16 days immediately prior thereto, provided that for a resident's
17 trapping license the person shall be above 12 years of age. These
18 licenses shall be designated as the resident's firearm hunting
19 license, the resident's bow and arrow license, the resident's trapping
20 license, the resident's fishing license, the resident's apprentice
21 firearm hunting license, and the resident's apprentice bow and arrow
22 license.

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

28 (b) The resident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
29 authorize its holder to hunt only with hounds and firearms and only
30 when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
31 resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting license. A fee of \$26.50
32 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
33 apprentice firearm hunting license, except that a person above the
34 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50 and an issuance fee
35 of \$1.00. The resident's apprentice firearm hunting license may be
36 issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the person.

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

42 (b) The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license shall
43 authorize its holder to hunt only with bow and arrow and only when
44 accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
45 resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow license. A fee of \$30.50

**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 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
2 apprentice bow and arrow license, except that a person above the
3 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an issuance fee
4 of \$1.00. The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license may be
5 issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the person.

6 (3) The resident's trapping license shall authorize its holder to
7 trap only, and a fee of \$31.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
8 charged therefor, except that a person above 12 years and under 16
9 years of age shall be charged no fee.

10 (4) The resident's fishing license shall authorize its holder to
11 fish only, and a fee of \$21.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
12 charged therefor, except (a) in any case where the applicant is
13 above 70 years of age and is otherwise qualified, no license shall be
14 required, (b) a person above 65 years and under 70 years of age
15 shall be charged a fee of \$11.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00, and
16 (c) as otherwise provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection,
17 paragraph (2) of subsection c. of this section, or paragraph (2) of
18 subsection d. of section 11 of P.L.1982, c.180 (C.23:3-1.1).

19 (5) The resident's fishing buddy license shall authorize its
20 holder to fish only, and can only be obtained through application at
21 the same time with: (a) another resident of this State who applies
22 for a resident's fishing license, is above 16 years of age and below
23 65 years of age, and has not bought a resident's fishing license after
24 2010, or (b) a nonresident who applies for a nonresident's annual
25 fishing license, is above 16 years of age, and has not bought a
26 nonresident's annual fishing license after 2010. The fee for a
27 resident's fishing buddy license and for a resident's fishing license
28 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall each be \$10.75 and an
29 issuance fee of \$1.00. The fee for a nonresident's annual fishing
30 license issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be \$16.50 and an
31 issuance fee of \$1.00.

32 (6) Any resident of this State who is totally blind, upon
33 application to the division, shall be entitled to a resident's fishing
34 license without fee or charge.

35 b. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age, or in the
36 case of an apprentice firearm hunting license or an apprentice bow
37 and arrow license, a license issued to a person above 14 years of
38 age, not entitled to a resident's license, authorizing the person to
39 trap or to hunt, as applicable, except that a nonresident's two-day
40 small game firearm hunting license shall not permit the taking,
41 hunting, or killing of deer or turkey. These licenses shall be
42 designated as the nonresident's firearm hunting license, the
43 nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the nonresident's
44 bow and arrow license, the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow
45 license, the nonresident's trapping license, and the nonresident's
46 two-day small game firearm hunting license.

47 A nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
48 authorize its holder to hunt only with hounds and firearms and only

1 when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
2 resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting license. A nonresident's
3 apprentice bow and arrow license shall authorize its holder to hunt
4 with bow and arrow only and only when accompanied by a holder,
5 above 21 years of age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's bow
6 and arrow license. The nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting
7 license and the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow license may
8 each be issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the
9 person.

10 (1) The fees for the nonresident's firearm hunting license, the
11 nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the nonresident's
12 bow and arrow license, and the nonresident's apprentice bow and
13 arrow license shall each be \$134.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

14 (2) The fee for the nonresident's trapping license shall be
15 \$199.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

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

18 c. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age not
19 entitled to a resident's license, authorizing the person to fish only.
20 These licenses shall be designated as the nonresident's annual
21 fishing license, the nonresident's annual fishing buddy license, the
22 nonresident's two-day fishing license, valid for a period of two
23 consecutive days, and the nonresident's seven-day vacation fishing
24 license, valid for a period of seven consecutive days.

25 The nonresident's annual fishing buddy license can only be
26 obtained through application at the same time with: a resident of
27 this State who applies for a resident's fishing license, is above 16
28 years of age and below 65 years of age, and has not bought a
29 resident's fishing license after 2010; or a nonresident who applies
30 for a nonresident's annual fishing license, is above 16 years of age,
31 and has not bought a nonresident's annual fishing license after 2010.

32 (1) The fee for the nonresident's annual fishing license shall be
33 \$33.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00, except as otherwise provided
34 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, paragraph (5) of
35 subsection a. of this section, or paragraph (2) of subsection d. of
36 section 11 of P.L.1982, c.180 (C.23:3-1.1).

37 (2) The fee for a nonresident's annual fishing buddy license
38 shall be \$16.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00. The fee for a
39 resident's fishing license obtained through application at the same
40 time with an application for a nonresident's annual fishing buddy
41 license in accordance with this subsection shall be \$10.75 and an
42 issuance fee of \$1.00, and the fee for a nonresident's annual fishing
43 license obtained through application at the same time with an
44 application for a nonresident's annual fishing buddy license in
45 accordance with this subsection shall be \$16.50 and an issuance fee
46 of \$1.00.

47 (3) The fee for the nonresident's two-day fishing license shall be
48 \$8.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

