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SYNOPSIS

Provides for discounted resident trapping license fees for senior citizens.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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 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
16 immediately prior thereto, provided that for a resident's trapping
17 license the person shall be above 12 years of age. These licenses
18 shall be designated as the resident's firearm hunting license, the
19 resident's bow and arrow license, the resident's trapping license, the
20 resident's fishing license, the resident's apprentice firearm hunting
21 license, and the resident's apprentice bow and arrow license.

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

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

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

41 (b) The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license shall
42 authorize its holder to hunt only with bow and arrow and only when
43 accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
44 resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow license. A fee of \$30.50
45 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's

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

5 (3) The resident's trapping license shall authorize its holder to
6 trap only, and a fee of \$31.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
7 charged therefor, except that (a) a person above the age of 65 years
8 shall be charged a fee of \$16.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00, and
9 (b) a person above 12 years and under 16 years of age shall be
10 charged no fee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (2) The fee for the nonresident's trapping license shall be
17 \$199.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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26 This bill provides a resident trapping license fee discount to
27 senior citizens. The current law provides discounted licensing rates
28 to senior citizens only with regard to resident fishing, firearm
29 hunting, and bow hunting. Accordingly, this bill would fill a gap in
30 the statute by providing senior citizens with a resident trapping
31 license fee discount that is consistent with the discounts already
32 authorized for other closely related outdoor activities.