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HOUSE BILL 2844

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 17-332, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE TAKING
AND HANDLING OF WILDLIFE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 17-332, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 17-332. Form and content of license; duplicate licenses;
5 transfer of license prohibited; exceptions; period
6 of validity; definitions

7 A. Licenses and license materials shall be prepared by the
8 department and may be furnished and charged to dealers that are authorized
9 to issue licenses. Each license shall be issued in the name of the
10 department and signed in a manner provided by rule adopted by the
11 commission. With each license authorizing the taking of big game, the
12 department shall provide such tags as the commission may prescribe, which
13 the licensee shall attach to the big game animal in the manner prescribed
14 by the commission. The commission shall limit the number of big game
15 permits issued to nonresidents in a random drawing to ten percent or fewer
16 of the total hunt permits, but in extraordinary circumstances, at a public
17 meeting the commission may increase the number of permits issued to
18 nonresidents in a random drawing if, on separate roll call votes, the
19 members of the commission unanimously:

20 1. Support the finding of a specifically described extraordinary
21 circumstance.

22 2. Adopt the increased number of nonresident permits for the hunt.

23 B. The commission shall issue with each license a shipping permit
24 entitling the holder of the license to a shipment of game or fish as
25 provided by article 4 of this chapter.

26 C. It is unlawful, except as provided by the commission, for any
27 person to apply for or obtain in any one license year more than one
28 original license permitting the taking of big game. A duplicate license
29 or tag may be issued by the department or by a license dealer if the
30 person requesting such a license or tag furnishes the information deemed
31 necessary by the commission.

32 D. A license or permit is not transferable and may not be used by
33 anyone except the person to whom the license or permit was issued, except
34 that:

35 1. The commission may prescribe the manner and conditions of
36 transferring and using permits and tags under this paragraph, including an
37 application process for a qualified organization, to allow a person to
38 transfer the person's big game permit or tag to a qualified organization
39 for use by:

40 (a) A minor child who has a life-threatening medical condition or a
41 permanent physical disability. If a child with a physical disability is
42 under fourteen years of age, the child must satisfactorily complete the
43 Arizona hunter education course or another comparable hunter education
44 course that is approved by the director.

1 (b) A veteran of the armed forces of the United States who has a
2 service-connected disability. ~~For the purposes of this paragraph:~~

3 ~~(i) "Disability" means a permanent physical impairment that~~
4 ~~substantially limits one or more major life activities and that requires~~
5 ~~the assistance of another person or a mechanical device for physical~~
6 ~~mobility.~~

7 ~~(ii) "Qualified organization" means a nonprofit organization that~~
8 ~~is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue~~
9 ~~code and that affords opportunities and experiences to children with~~
10 ~~life-threatening medical conditions or with physical disabilities or to~~
11 ~~veterans with service-connected disabilities.~~

12 (c) A GOLD STAR CHILD. IF THE GOLD STAR CHILD IS UNDER FOURTEEN
13 YEARS OF AGE, THE CHILD MUST SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE, BEFORE THE BEGINNING
14 OF THE HUNT FOR WHICH THE PERMIT OR TAG IS TRANSFERRED, THE ARIZONA HUNTER
15 EDUCATION COURSE OR ANOTHER COMPARABLE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE THAT IS
16 APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR.

17 2. A parent, grandparent or legal guardian may allow the parent's,
18 grandparent's or guardian's minor child or minor grandchild to use the
19 parent's, grandparent's or guardian's big game permit or tag to take big
20 game pursuant to the following requirements:

21 (a) The parent, grandparent or guardian must transfer the permit or
22 tag to the minor child in a manner prescribed by the commission.

23 (b) The minor child must possess a valid hunting license and, if
24 under fourteen years of age, must satisfactorily complete, before the
25 beginning of the hunt, the Arizona hunter education course or another
26 comparable hunter education course that is approved by the director.

27 (c) Any big game that is taken counts toward the minor child's bag
28 limit.

29 E. Refunds may not be made for the purchase of a license or permit.

30 F. Licenses are valid for a license year as prescribed in rule by
31 the commission. Lifetime licenses and benefactor licenses are valid for
32 the lifetime of the licensee.

33 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

34 1. "DISABILITY" MEANS A PERMANENT PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT THAT
35 SUBSTANTIALLY LIMITS ONE OR MORE MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES AND THAT REQUIRES
36 THE ASSISTANCE OF ANOTHER PERSON OR A MECHANICAL DEVICE FOR PHYSICAL
37 MOBILITY.

38 2. "GOLD STAR CHILD" MEANS A MINOR CHILD WHOSE PARENT WAS KILLED IN
39 ACTION WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY.

40 3. "QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION" MEANS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS
41 QUALIFIED UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE
42 CODE AND THAT AFFORDS OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES TO CHILDREN WITH
43 LIFE-THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, TO
44 VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES OR TO GOLD STAR CHILDREN.