HB 2610

Introduced by
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AN ACT

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

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

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

17-332. Form and content of license; shipping permit; duplicate licenses; transfer of license prohibited; exceptions; period of validity; definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

   (a) A minor child who has a life-threatening medical condition or a permanent physical disability. If a child with a physical disability is under fourteen years of age, the child must satisfactorily complete the Arizona hunter education course or another comparable hunter education course that is approved by the director.
(b) A veteran of the armed forces of the United States who has a service-connected disability. For the purposes of this paragraph:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

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

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

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