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Senator Rogers

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 17-332 AND 17-333, 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

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

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

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

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

24 3. A VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO HAS A COMPLIMENTARY LICENSE
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-333, SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 2 MAY TRANSFER A
26 PERMIT OR TAG TO ANOTHER PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE VETERAN
27 IN THE TAKING OF WILDLIFE OR TAKING WILDLIFE ON BEHALF OF THE VETERAN AS
28 THE VETERAN'S PROXY.

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 Sec. 2. Section 17-333, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
34 read:

35 17-333. License classifications; fees; reduced-fee and
36 complimentary licenses; annual report; review

37 A. The commission shall prescribe by rule license classifications
38 that are valid for the taking or handling of wildlife, fees for licenses,
39 permits, tags and stamps and application fees.

40 B. The commission may temporarily reduce or waive any fee
41 prescribed by rule under this title on the recommendation of the director.

42 C. The commission may reduce the fees ~~of~~ FOR licenses and issue
43 complimentary licenses, including the following:

44 1. A complimentary license to a pioneer who is at least seventy
45 years of age and who has been a resident of this state for twenty-five or

1 more consecutive years immediately before applying for the license. The
2 pioneer license is valid for the licensee's lifetime, and the commission
3 may not require renewal of the license.

4 2. A complimentary license to a veteran of the armed forces of the
5 United States who has been a resident of this state for one year or more
6 immediately before applying for the license and who receives compensation
7 from the United States government for a permanent service-connected
8 disability rated as one hundred percent disabling.

9 3. A license for a reduced fee to a veteran of the United States
10 armed forces who has been a resident of this state for one year or more
11 immediately before applying for the license and who receives compensation
12 from the United States government for a service-connected disability.

13 4. A LICENSE FOR A REDUCED FEE OF \$2.50 FOR A HUNTING OR FISHING
14 LICENSE OR \$5 FOR A COMBINATION HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE TO A VETERAN
15 OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE
16 FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE APPLYING FOR THE LICENSE.

17 5. A NONRESIDENT LICENSE FOR THE SAME FEE AS A RESIDENT LICENSE TO
18 A VETERAN OR MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO IS NOT A
19 RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

20 ~~4.~~ 6. A youth license for a reduced fee to a resident of this
21 state who is EITHER:

22 (a) A member of the boy scouts of America who has attained the rank
23 of eagle scout. ~~OR~~

24 (b) A member of the girl scouts of the USA who has received the
25 gold award.

26 D. All monies collected pursuant to this section shall be
27 deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the game and fish
28 fund established by section 17-261.

29 E. On or before December 31 of each year, the commission shall
30 submit an annual report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the
31 house of representatives, the chairperson of the senate natural resources,
32 energy and water committee and the chairperson of the house of
33 representatives energy, environment and natural resources committee, or
34 their successor committees, that includes information relating to license
35 classifications, fees for licenses, permits, tags and stamps and any other
36 fees that the commission prescribes by rule. The joint legislative audit
37 committee may assign a committee of reference to hold a public hearing and
38 review the annual report submitted by the commission.