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Introduced by
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 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 17-333, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 17-333. License classifications; fees; reduced fee and
5 complimentary licenses; annual report; review

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

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

11 C. The commission may reduce the fees for licenses and issue
12 complimentary licenses, including the following:

13 1. A complimentary license to a pioneer who is at least seventy
14 years of age and who has been a resident of this state for twenty-five or
15 more consecutive years immediately before applying for the license. The
16 pioneer license is valid for the licensee's lifetime, and the commission
17 may not require renewal of the license.

18 2. A complimentary license to a veteran of the armed forces of the
19 United States who has been a resident of this state for one year or more
20 immediately before applying for the license and who receives compensation
21 from the United States government for a ~~permanent~~ service-connected
22 disability ~~rated as one hundred percent disabling~~.

23 ~~3. A license for a reduced fee of up to twenty-five percent less~~
24 ~~than the full license fee to a veteran of the United States armed forces~~
25 ~~who has been a resident of this state for one year or more immediately~~
26 ~~before applying for the license and who receives compensation from the~~
27 ~~United States government for a service-connected disability.~~

28 ~~4.~~ 3. A license for a reduced fee that is one-half of the full
29 license fee to a person who has been a resident of this state for one year
30 or more immediately before applying for the license and who submits
31 satisfactory proof to the department that the person is a veteran and a
32 bona fide purple heart medal recipient.

33 ~~5.~~ 4. A youth license for a reduced fee to a resident of this
34 state who is either:

35 (a) A member of the boy scouts of America and who has attained the
36 rank of eagle scout.

37 (b) A member of the girl scouts of the USA and who has received the
38 gold award.

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

1 E. On or before December 31 of each year, the commission shall
2 submit an annual report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the
3 house of representatives, the chairperson of the senate natural resources,
4 energy and water committee and the chairperson of the house of
5 representatives energy, environment and natural resources committee, or
6 their successor committees, that includes information relating to license
7 classifications, fees for licenses, permits, tags and stamps and any other
8 fees that the commission prescribes by rule. The joint legislative audit
9 committee may assign a committee of reference to hold a public hearing and
10 review the annual report submitted by the commission.