
HOUSE BILL 1850

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By Representatives Wang and Holland; by request of Department of Wildlife and Office of Financial Management.

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1 AN ACT Relating to hunting and fishing licenses; amending RCW
2 77.32.101, 77.32.161, 77.32.191, 77.32.211, 77.32.230, 77.32.240,
3 77.32.256, 77.32.340, 77.32.350, 77.32.360, 77.32.370, and 77.32.380;
4 adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; creating a new section;
5 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of wildlife is facing
8 serious budget shortfalls in the 1991-93 biennium ending June 30, 1993.
9 The legislature finds that an increase in the license fees for hunting
10 and fishing related licenses is necessary to ensure appropriate funding
11 for the operations of the department.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.101 and 1985 c 464 s 2 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

1 (1) A hunting and fishing license allows a resident holder to hunt
2 and fish throughout the state. The fee for this license is (~~twenty-~~
3 ~~four~~) thirty-five dollars.

4 (2) A hunting license allows the holder to hunt throughout the
5 state. The fee for this license is (~~twelve~~) eighteen dollars for
6 residents and (~~one~~) two hundred (~~twenty-five~~) dollars for
7 nonresidents.

8 (3) A fishing license allows the holder to fish throughout the
9 state. The fee for this license is (~~fourteen~~) nineteen dollars for
10 residents fifteen years of age or older and under seventy years of age,
11 nine dollars for residents seventy years of age or older, and (~~forty~~)
12 fifty-five dollars for nonresidents.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.161 and 1985 c 464 s 3 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 A nonresident or resident may obtain a temporary fishing license,
16 which allows the holder to fish throughout the state for three
17 consecutive days. The fee for this license is (~~seven~~) ten dollars
18 for residents and (~~fourteen~~) twenty dollars for nonresidents. The
19 resident temporary fishing license is not valid for an eight
20 consecutive day period beginning on the opening day of the lowland lake
21 fishing season.

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.191 and 1987 c 372 s 3 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 A state trapping license allows the holder to trap fur-bearing
25 animals throughout the state; however, a trapper may not place traps on
26 private property without permission of the owner, lessee, or tenant
27 where the land is improved and apparently used, or where the land is
28 fenced or enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders or to

1 indicate a property boundary line, or where notice is given by posting
2 in a conspicuous manner. A state trapping license is void on April 1st
3 following the date of issuance. The fee for this license is (~~(thirty)~~)
4 fifty dollars for residents (~~((sixteen years of age or older, twelve~~
5 ~~dollars for residents under sixteen years of age,))~~) and ((one)) two
6 hundred fifty dollars for nonresidents.

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.32.211 and 1987 c 506 s 83 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) A taxidermy license allows the holder to practice taxidermy
10 for profit. The fee for this license is (~~(one)~~) two hundred fifty
11 dollars.

12 (2) A fur dealer's license allows the holder to purchase, receive,
13 or resell raw furs for profit. The fee for this license is (~~(one)~~)
14 five hundred (~~(fifty)~~) dollars.

15 (3) A fishing guide license allows the holder to offer or perform
16 the services of a professional guide in the taking of game fish. The
17 fee for this license is (~~(one)~~) two hundred fifty dollars for a
18 resident and (~~(five)~~) six hundred dollars for a nonresident.

19 (4) A game farm license allows the holder to operate a game farm
20 to acquire, breed, grow, keep, and sell wildlife under conditions
21 prescribed by the rules adopted pursuant to this title. The fee for
22 this license is (~~(sixty)~~) one hundred fifty dollars (~~((for the first~~
23 ~~year and forty dollars for each following year))~~).

24 (5) A game fish stocking permit allows the holder to release game
25 fish into the waters of the state as prescribed by rule of the
26 commission. The fee for this permit is (~~(twenty)~~) fifty dollars.

27 (6) A (~~(hunting,)~~) fishing(~~(,)~~) or field trial permit allows the
28 holder to promote, conduct, hold, or sponsor a (~~(hunting,)~~)
29 fishing(~~(,)~~) or field trial contest in accordance with rules of the

1 commission. The fee for ~~((this))~~ a fishing contest permit is
2 ~~((twenty))~~ one hundred dollars. The fee for a field trial contest
3 permit is fifty dollars.

4 (7) An anadromous game fish buyer's license allows the holder to
5 purchase or sell steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish
6 harvested by Indian fishermen lawfully exercising fishing rights
7 reserved by federal statute, treaty, or executive order, under
8 conditions prescribed by rule of the director. The fee for this
9 license is ~~((one))~~ three hundred ~~((fifty))~~ dollars.

10 (8) A hunting guide license allows the holder to offer or perform
11 the services of a professional guide in the taking of game animals.
12 The fee for this license is two hundred fifty dollars for a resident
13 and six hundred dollars for a nonresident.

14 (9) A wildlife import permit allows the holder to import into the
15 state of Washington live captive wildlife lawfully acquired in another
16 state or country under conditions prescribed by rules adopted pursuant
17 to this title. The fee for this permit is one hundred dollars.

18 **Sec. 6.** RCW 77.32.230 and 1988 c 176 s 914 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) A person sixty-five years of age or older who is an honorably
21 discharged veteran of the United States armed forces having a service-
22 connected disability and who has been a resident for five years may
23 receive upon application a state hunting and fishing license free of
24 charge.

25 ~~((A person seventy years of age or older who has been a~~
26 ~~resident for ten years may receive, upon application, a fishing license~~
27 ~~free of charge.~~

28 ~~(3))~~ A blind person, or a person with a developmental disability
29 as defined in RCW 71A.10.020 with documentation of the disability from

1 the department of social and health services, or a physically
2 handicapped person confined to a wheelchair may receive upon
3 application a fishing license free of charge.

4 ~~((4))~~ (3) A blind person or a physically handicapped person
5 confined to a wheelchair who has been issued a card for a permanent
6 disability under RCW 46.16.381 may use that card in place of a fishing
7 license unless tags, permits, stamps, or punchcards are required by
8 this chapter.

9 ~~((5))~~ (4) A fishing license is not required for persons under the
10 age of fifteen.

11 ~~((6))~~ (5) Tags, permits, stamps, and punchcards required by this
12 chapter shall be purchased separately by persons receiving a free or
13 reduced-fee license.

14 **Sec. 7.** RCW 77.32.240 and 1981 c 310 s 28 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 A scientific permit allows the holder to collect for research or
17 display wildlife or their nests and eggs as required in RCW 77.32.010
18 under conditions prescribed by the director. Before a permit is
19 issued, the applicant shall demonstrate to the director their
20 qualifications and establish the need for the permit. The director may
21 require a bond of up to one thousand dollars to insure compliance with
22 the permit. Permits are valid for the time specified, unless sooner
23 revoked.

24 Holders of permits may exchange specimens with the approval of the
25 director.

26 A permit holder who violates this section shall forfeit the permit
27 and bond and shall not receive a similar permit for one year. The fee
28 for a scientific permit is ~~((ten))~~ twenty-five dollars.

1 **Sec. 8.** RCW 77.32.256 and 1987 c 506 s 86 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The director shall by rule establish the conditions for issuance of
4 duplicate licenses, permits, tags, stamps, and punchcards required by
5 this chapter. The fee for a duplicate provided under this section is
6 ((eight)) ten dollars.

7 **Sec. 9.** RCW 77.32.340 and 1990 c 84 s 5 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Fees for transport tags shall be as follows:

10 (1) The fee for a resident deer tag is fifteen dollars. The fee
11 for a nonresident deer tag is ((fifty)) one hundred dollars.

12 (2) The fee for a resident elk tag is ((twenty)) thirty-four
13 dollars. The fee for a nonresident elk tag is one hundred fifty
14 dollars.

15 (3) The fee for a resident bear tag is ((fifteen)) thirty-five
16 dollars. The fee for a nonresident bear tag is ((one)) three hundred
17 ((fifty)) dollars.

18 (4) The fee for a resident cougar tag is ((twenty)) two hundred
19 dollars. The fee for a nonresident cougar tag is ((three)) five hundred
20 dollars.

21 (5) The fee for a mountain goat tag is ((fifty)) two hundred
22 dollars for residents and ((one)) five hundred ((fifty)) dollars for
23 nonresidents. The fee shall be paid at the time of application.
24 Applicants who are not selected for a mountain goat special season
25 permit shall receive a refund of this fee, less five dollars.

26 (6) The fee for a sheep tag is ((seventy-five)) two hundred dollars
27 for residents and ((three)) five hundred dollars for nonresidents and
28 shall be paid at the time of application. Applicants who are not

1 selected for a sheep special season permit shall receive a refund of
2 this fee, less five dollars.

3 (7) The fee for a moose tag is ~~((one))~~ two hundred ~~((fifty))~~
4 dollars for residents and ~~((three))~~ five hundred dollars for
5 nonresidents and shall be paid at the time of application. Applicants
6 who are not selected for a moose special season permit shall receive a
7 refund of this fee, less five dollars.

8 (8) The fee for a wild turkey tag is ~~((fifteen))~~ twenty-five
9 dollars for residents and fifty dollars for nonresidents.

10 (9) The fee for a lynx tag is two hundred dollars for residents and
11 five hundred dollars for nonresidents and shall be paid at the time of
12 application. Applicants who are not selected for a lynx special season
13 permit shall receive a refund of this fee, less five dollars.

14 **Sec. 10.** RCW 77.32.350 and 1990 c 84 s 6 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 In addition to a basic hunting license, a supplemental license,
17 permit, or stamp is required to hunt for quail, partridge, pheasant, or
18 migratory waterfowl, to hunt with a raptor, or to hunt wild animals
19 with a dog.

20 (1) A hound permit is required to hunt wild animals, except rabbits
21 and hares, with a dog. The fee for this permit is ~~((ten))~~ twenty
22 dollars.

23 (2) An eastern Washington upland game bird permit is required to
24 hunt for quail, partridge, and pheasant in eastern Washington. The fee
25 for this permit is ~~((eight))~~ fifteen dollars.

26 (3) A western Washington upland game bird permit is required to
27 hunt for quail, partridge, and pheasant in western Washington. The fee
28 for this permit is ~~((fifteen))~~ fifty-five dollars.

1 (4) A falconry license is required to possess or hunt with a
2 raptor, including seasons established exclusively for hunting in that
3 manner. The fee for this license is (~~(thirty)~~) seventy-five dollars.

4 (5) A migratory waterfowl stamp affixed to a basic hunting license
5 is required for all persons sixteen years of age or older to hunt
6 migratory waterfowl. The fee for the stamp is (~~(five)~~) eight dollars.

7 (6) The migratory waterfowl stamp shall be validated by the
8 signature of the licensee written across the face of the stamp.

9 (7) The migratory waterfowl stamps required by this section expire
10 on March 31st following the date of issuance.

11 **Sec. 11.** RCW 77.32.360 and 1990 c 84 s 7 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) A steelhead catch record card is required to fish for steelhead
14 trout. The fee for this catch record card is (~~(fifteen)~~) twenty
15 dollars.

16 (2) Persons possessing steelhead trout shall immediately validate
17 their catch record card as provided by rule.

18 (3) The steelhead catch record card required under this section
19 expires April 30th following the date of issuance.

20 (4) Each person who returns a steelhead catch record card to an
21 authorized license dealer by June 1 following the period for which it
22 was issued shall be given a credit equal to five dollars towards that
23 day's purchase of any license, permit, transport tag, catch record
24 card, or stamp required by this chapter. This subsection does not
25 apply to annual steelhead catch record cards for persons under the age
26 of fifteen.

27 (5) Persons under the age of fifteen may purchase an annual
28 steelhead catch record card for five dollars. The five-dollar catch
29 record card entitles the holder to retain no more than five steelhead.

1 After retaining five steelhead, a new catch record card may be
2 purchased.

3 **Sec. 12.** RCW 77.32.370 and 1987 c 506 s 89 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A special hunting season permit is required to hunt in each
6 special season established under chapter 77.12 RCW.

7 (2) Persons may apply for special hunting season permits as
8 provided by rule of the director.

9 (3) The application fee to participate in a special hunting season
10 is ((two)) five dollars.

11 **Sec. 13.** RCW 77.32.380 and 1988 c 36 s 52 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Persons sixteen years of age or older who use clearly identified
14 department lands and access facilities are required to possess a
15 conservation license or a hunting, fishing, trapping, or free license
16 on their person while using the facilities. The fee for this license
17 is ((eight)) eleven dollars annually.

18 The spouse, all children under eighteen years of age, and guests
19 under eighteen years of age of the holder of a valid conservation
20 license may use department lands and access facilities when accompanied
21 by the license holder.

22 Youth groups may use department lands and game access facilities
23 without possessing a conservation license when accompanied by a license
24 holder.

25 The conservation license is nontransferable and must be validated
26 by the signature of the holder. Upon request of a wildlife agent or ex
27 officio wildlife agent a person using clearly identified department of
28 wildlife lands shall exhibit the required license.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The director shall adjust all fees under this chapter in
4 accordance with the implicit price deflator for personal consumption
5 expenditures published by the United States department of commerce.
6 The implicit price deflator shall be used as the index to determine an
7 annual rate of increase or decrease in the fees for licenses, stamps,
8 permits, and tags issued by the department.

9 (2) Any increase or decrease in the fees for licenses, fees,
10 stamps, or tags shall be rounded up to the nearest fifty cents.

11 (3) The department shall analyze all fees for permits, licenses,
12 stamps, and tags issued by it to ensure the appropriate fee amount is
13 charged. This analysis shall occur at least every six years. Where
14 appropriate, the department shall recommend to the legislature that
15 fees be adjusted to ensure that those fees are appropriate.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
19 effect July 1, 1991.