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HOUSE BILL 2415

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the warm water game fish enhancement program;
- 2 and amending RCW 77.44.030.

State of Washington

- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.44.030 and 1996 c 222 s 3 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) A warm water game fish surcharge allows a person to fish 7 throughout the state for warm water game fish.
- 8 (2) The annual fee for a game fish surcharge is five dollars and 9 the surcharge is required in addition to an annual game fishing
- 10 license((, except for those persons under fifteen years of age for
- 11 which there is no charge)). Holders of three-day resident fishing
- 12 licenses, three-day nonresident fishing licenses, and nonresident
- 13 annual fishing licenses shall pay a five-dollar surcharge to fish for
- 14 warm water fish.
- 15 (3) The department shall use the most cost-effective format in designing and administering the warm water game fish surcharge.
- 17 (4) A warm water game fish surcharge shall only be required to fish
- 18 for: Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, black crappie, white
- 19 crappie, channel catfish, and tiger musky.

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- 1 (5) The annual fee for a game fish surcharge is waived for:
- 2 (a) Persons under fifteen years old; and
- 3 (b) Residents who are honorably discharged veterans of the United
- 4 States armed forces with a thirty percent or more service-connected

5 <u>disability</u>.

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