
SENATE BILL 6583

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By Senator Spanel; by request of Office of Financial Management

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1 AN ACT Relating to personal use fishing license fees; amending RCW
2 77.32.470 and 77.32.520; creating new sections; providing an effective
3 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that revenue for
6 the state general fund has declined and will not meet anticipated needs
7 during current and future biennia. The legislature also finds that the
8 cost of the resident and nonresident personal use temporary fishing
9 license and the resident and nonresident personal use shellfish and
10 seaweed license are undervalued, and are not properly aligned with
11 neighboring states and provinces. Therefore, the legislature intends
12 to increase personal use temporary fishing and personal use shellfish
13 and seaweed licenses fees.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.470 and 1998 c 191 s 16 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) A personal use saltwater, freshwater, combination, temporary,
17 or family fishing weekend license is required for all persons fifteen

1 years of age or older to fish for or possess fish taken for personal
2 use from state waters or offshore waters.

3 (2) The fees for annual personal use saltwater, freshwater, or
4 combination licenses are as follows:

5 (a) A combination license allows the holder to fish for or possess
6 fish, shellfish, and seaweed from state waters or offshore waters. The
7 fee for this license is thirty-six dollars for residents, seventy-two
8 dollars for nonresidents, and five dollars for youth.

9 (b) A saltwater license allows the holder to fish for or possess
10 fish taken from saltwater areas. The fee for this license is eighteen
11 dollars for residents, thirty-six dollars for nonresidents, and five
12 dollars for resident seniors.

13 (c) A freshwater license allows the holder to fish for, take, or
14 possess food fish or game fish species in all freshwater areas. The
15 fee for this license is twenty dollars for residents, forty dollars for
16 nonresidents, and five dollars for resident seniors.

17 (3) A temporary fishing license is valid for two consecutive days
18 and allows the holder to fish for or possess fish taken from state
19 waters or offshore waters. The fee for this temporary fishing license
20 is (~~six~~) twelve dollars for both residents and nonresidents. This
21 license is not valid on game fish species for an eight-consecutive-day
22 period beginning on the opening day of the lowland lake fishing season.

23 (4) A family fishing weekend license allows for a maximum of six
24 anglers: One resident and five youth; two residents and four youth; or
25 one resident, one nonresident, and four youth. This license allows the
26 holders to fish for or possess fish taken from state waters or offshore
27 waters. The fee for this license is twenty dollars. This license is
28 only valid during periods as specified by rule of the department.

29 (5) The commission may adopt rules to create and sell combination
30 licenses for all hunting and fishing activities at or below a fee equal
31 to the total cost of the individual license contained within any
32 combination.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.520 and 2000 c 107 s 27 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

35 (1) A personal use shellfish and seaweed license is required for
36 all persons other than residents or nonresidents under fifteen years of
37 age to fish for, take, dig for, or possess seaweed or shellfish for

1 personal use from state waters or offshore waters including national
2 park beaches.

3 (2) The fees for annual personal use shellfish and seaweed licenses
4 are:

5 (a) For a resident fifteen years of age or older, seven dollars;

6 (b) For a nonresident fifteen years of age or older, (~~twenty~~)
7 twenty-eight dollars; and

8 (c) For a senior, five dollars.

9 (3) The license fee for a two-day personal use shellfish and
10 seaweed license is (~~six~~) twelve dollars for residents or nonresidents
11 fifteen years of age or older.

12 (4) The personal use shellfish and seaweed license shall be visible
13 on the licensee while harvesting shellfish or seaweed.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The fee increases proposed in RCW 77.32.470
15 and 77.32.520 must be implemented in the department of fish and
16 wildlife's license fee structure for the license year beginning April
17 1, 2002.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
21 March 15, 2002.

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