

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6529**

Chapter 68, Laws of 1996

54th Legislature  
1996 Regular Session

RECREATIONAL FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES--SIMPLIFICATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/6/96

Passed by the Senate February 8, 1996  
YEAS 46 NAYS 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 28, 1996  
YEAS 93 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved March 13, 1996

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6529** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

**Secretary**

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MIKE LOWRY

**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by  
Senators Drew, Owen, Oke, Sutherland and Winsley)

Read first time 01/31/96.

1            AN ACT Relating to fish and wildlife department recreational  
2 fishing and hunting licenses; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) The fish and wildlife commission shall  
5 develop proposed legislation for the 1998 legislative session that will  
6 simplify, consolidate, and modernize the recreational fishing and  
7 hunting license program. The commission shall evaluate the benefits  
8 and drawbacks of eliminating the distinction between food fish and game  
9 fish and make recommendations to retain or revise the statutes  
10 accordingly. An analysis must also be made to determine the  
11 suitability of merging the wildlife fund with the general fund.

12            The goal of the license simplification request legislation shall be  
13 to reduce the number of recreational licenses required while not  
14 adversely affecting the revenue to the department. The purpose of  
15 license simplification is to remove unnecessary burdens placed upon the  
16 recreational clientele of the department and to ease the sale of  
17 licenses by the license dealers. Evaluations must be made of  
18 modernized computer-based systems utilized in other states.

1       The requirements for individual catch or harvest records must be  
2 reviewed, and the commission shall determine on a case-by-case basis if  
3 some of these individual data-keeping requirements can be simplified or  
4 eliminated.

5       The commission shall also evaluate methods to improve and simplify  
6 service to the license dealers, investigate technology improvements to  
7 improve the durability of license forms to the deteriorating effects of  
8 moisture and laundry soap, and develop recommendations for adjusting  
9 the price of licenses to reflect the changes due to inflation or the  
10 need for program changes.

11       The proposed legislation must be submitted to the appropriate  
12 legislative committees on or before December 1, 1997.

13       (2) The commission shall review the current license system to  
14 achieve better service to the public and for the dealers during the  
15 interim period until a more modern system is in place.

16       (3) The commission shall make changes in the current system to  
17 eliminate the fraudulent issuance of duplicate licenses and shall  
18 report back to the legislature on or before December 1, 1996, on the  
19 present system improvements and fraud elimination procedures.

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