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SYNOPSIS

Expands eligibility for “fishing buddy license” fee.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning fishing licenses and amending P.L.1982, c.180
2 and R.S.23:3-4.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 11 of P.L.1982, c.180 (C.23:3-1.1) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 11. a. The division shall issue a special license combining the
10 resident's firearm hunting license, the resident's bow and arrow
11 license and the resident's fishing license as provided under
12 R.S.23:3-4 into one license to be designated as the "All Around
13 Sportsman License."

14 b. The "All Around Sportsman License" shall authorize its
15 holder to hunt with a shotgun or bow and arrow and to angle or
16 attempt to take fish in the fresh waters of this State at the time, and
17 in the manner, provided by law and the State Fish and Game Code,
18 except that this license shall not authorize its holder to take trout
19 from the fresh waters of the State.

20 c. A resident of this State above the age of 16 years may
21 procure the "All Around Sportsman License" from the division at
22 Trenton or from its agents as designated by the division. It shall not
23 be valid unless it contains the signature of the owner written in ink.
24 Each license issued under this section shall expire on December 31
25 next following its issuance.

26 d. (1) The division shall determine the form of the "All Around
27 Sportsman License." The fee for this license shall be \$71.25 and an
28 issuance fee of \$1.00, or as adjusted by the Fish and Game Council
29 pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1982, c.180 (C.23:3-1a).

30 (2) The fee for an "All Around Sportsman License" shall be
31 reduced by \$10 when application therefor is made at the same time
32 with: (1) another resident of this State who applies for a resident's
33 fishing license, is above 16 years of age and below 65 years of age,
34 and has not bought an "All Around Sportsman License" or resident's
35 fishing license **【after 2010】** in the previous five license years , or
36 (2) a nonresident who applies for a nonresident's annual fishing
37 license, is above 16 years of age, and has not bought a nonresident's
38 annual fishing license **【after 2010】** in the previous five license
39 years . The fee for a resident's fishing license bought in accordance
40 with the requirements of this paragraph shall be \$10.75 and an
41 issuance fee of \$1.00, and the fee for a nonresident's annual fishing
42 license bought in accordance with the requirements of this
43 paragraph shall be \$16.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 e. The amounts remitted to the State Treasury from the
2 collection of any fee pursuant to this section shall be deposited to
3 the credit of the "hunters' and anglers' license fund."
4 (cf: P.L.2015, c.99, s.1)

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6 2. R.S.23:3-4 is amended to read as follows:

7 23:3-4. The licenses issued under this article shall include,
8 among others authorized by law, the following:

9 a. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age, or in the
10 case of an apprentice firearm hunting license or an apprentice bow
11 and arrow license, a license issued to a person above 14 years of
12 age, who has an actual and bona fide domicile in this State at the
13 time of the application for the license and who has had an actual
14 and bona fide domicile in this State for at least six months
15 immediately prior thereto, provided that for a resident's trapping
16 license the person shall be above 12 years of age. These licenses
17 shall be designated as the resident's firearm hunting license, the
18 resident's bow and arrow license, the resident's trapping license, the
19 resident's fishing license, the resident's apprentice firearm hunting
20 license, and the resident's apprentice bow and arrow license.

21 (1) (a) The resident's firearm hunting license shall authorize its
22 holder to hunt with hounds and firearms only, and a fee of \$26.50
23 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a
24 person above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50
25 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

26 (b) The resident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
27 authorize its holder to hunt only with hounds and firearms and only
28 when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
29 resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting license. A fee of \$26.50
30 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
31 apprentice firearm hunting license, except that a person above the
32 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$14.50 and an issuance fee
33 of \$1.00. The resident's apprentice firearm hunting license may be
34 issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the person.

35 (2) (a) The resident's bow and arrow license shall authorize its
36 holder to hunt with bow and arrow only, and a fee of \$30.50 and an
37 issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged therefor, except that a person
38 above the age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an
39 issuance fee of \$1.00.

40 (b) The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license shall
41 authorize its holder to hunt only with bow and arrow and only when
42 accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
43 resident's or nonresident's bow and arrow license. A fee of \$30.50
44 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for a resident's
45 apprentice bow and arrow license, except that a person above the
46 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an issuance fee
47 of \$1.00. The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license may be
48 issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the person.

1 (3) The resident's trapping license shall authorize its holder to
2 trap only, and a fee of \$31.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
3 charged therefor, except that a person above 12 years and under 16
4 years of age shall be charged no fee.

5 (4) The resident's fishing license shall authorize its holder to
6 fish only, and a fee of \$21.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00 shall be
7 charged therefor, except (a) in any case where the applicant is
8 above 70 years of age and is otherwise qualified, no license shall be
9 required, (b) a person above 65 years and under 70 years of age
10 shall be charged a fee of \$11.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00, and
11 (c) as otherwise provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection,
12 paragraph (2) of subsection c. of this section, or paragraph (2) of
13 subsection d. of section 11 of P.L.1982, c.180 (C.23:3-1.1).

14 (5) The resident's fishing buddy license shall authorize its
15 holder to fish only, and can only be obtained through application at
16 the same time with: (a) another resident of this State who applies
17 for a resident's fishing license, is above 16 years of age and below
18 65 years of age, and has not bought a resident's fishing license
19 **【after 2010】 in the previous five license years** , or (b) a nonresident
20 who applies for a nonresident's annual fishing license, is above 16
21 years of age, and has not bought a nonresident's annual fishing
22 license **【after 2010】 in the previous five license years** . The fee for
23 a resident's fishing buddy license and for a resident's fishing license
24 issued pursuant to this paragraph shall each be \$10.75 and an
25 issuance fee of \$1.00. The fee for a nonresident's annual fishing
26 license issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be \$16.50 and an
27 issuance fee of \$1.00.

28 (6) Any resident of this State who is totally blind, upon
29 application to the division, shall be entitled to a resident's fishing
30 license without fee or charge.

31 b. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age, or in the
32 case of an apprentice firearm hunting license or an apprentice bow
33 and arrow license, a license issued to a person above 14 years of
34 age, not entitled to a resident's license, authorizing the person to
35 trap or to hunt, as applicable, except that a nonresident's two-day
36 small game firearm hunting license shall not permit the taking,
37 hunting, or killing of deer or turkey. These licenses shall be
38 designated as the nonresident's firearm hunting license, the
39 nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the nonresident's
40 bow and arrow license, the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow
41 license, the nonresident's trapping license, and the nonresident's
42 two-day small game firearm hunting license.

43 A nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
44 authorize its holder to hunt only with hounds and firearms and only
45 when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
46 resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting license. A nonresident's
47 apprentice bow and arrow license shall authorize its holder to hunt
48 with bow and arrow only and only when accompanied by a holder,

1 above 21 years of age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's bow
2 and arrow license. The nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting
3 license and the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow license may
4 each be issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the
5 person.

6 (1) The fees for the nonresident's firearm hunting license, the
7 nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the nonresident's
8 bow and arrow license, and the nonresident's apprentice bow and
9 arrow license shall each be \$134.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

10 (2) The fee for the nonresident's trapping license shall be
11 \$199.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

12 (3) The fee for a nonresident's two-day small game firearm
13 hunting license shall be \$35.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

14 c. A license issued to a person above 16 years of age not
15 entitled to a resident's license, authorizing the person to fish only.
16 These licenses shall be designated as the nonresident's annual
17 fishing license, the nonresident's annual fishing buddy license, the
18 nonresident's two-day fishing license, valid for a period of two
19 consecutive days, and the nonresident's seven-day vacation fishing
20 license, valid for a period of seven consecutive days.

21 The nonresident's annual fishing buddy license can only be
22 obtained through application at the same time with: a resident of
23 this State who applies for a resident's fishing license, is above 16
24 years of age and below 65 years of age, and has not bought a
25 resident's fishing license **【after 2010】** in the previous five license
26 years ; or a nonresident who applies for a nonresident's annual
27 fishing license, is above 16 years of age, and has not bought a
28 nonresident's annual fishing license **【after 2010】** in the previous
29 five license years .

30 (1) The fee for the nonresident's annual fishing license shall be
31 \$33.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00, except as otherwise provided
32 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, paragraph (5) of
33 subsection a. of this section, or paragraph (2) of subsection d. of
34 section 11 of P.L.1982, c.180 (C.23:3-1.1).

35 (2) The fee for a nonresident's annual fishing buddy license
36 shall be \$16.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00. The fee for a
37 resident's fishing license obtained through application at the same
38 time with an application for a nonresident's annual fishing buddy
39 license in accordance with this subsection shall be \$10.75 and an
40 issuance fee of \$1.00, and the fee for a nonresident's annual fishing
41 license obtained through application at the same time with an
42 application for a nonresident's annual fishing buddy license in
43 accordance with this subsection shall be \$16.50 and an issuance fee
44 of \$1.00.

45 (3) The fee for the nonresident's two-day fishing license shall be
46 \$8.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

47 (4) The fee for the nonresident's seven-day fishing license shall
48 be \$18.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

