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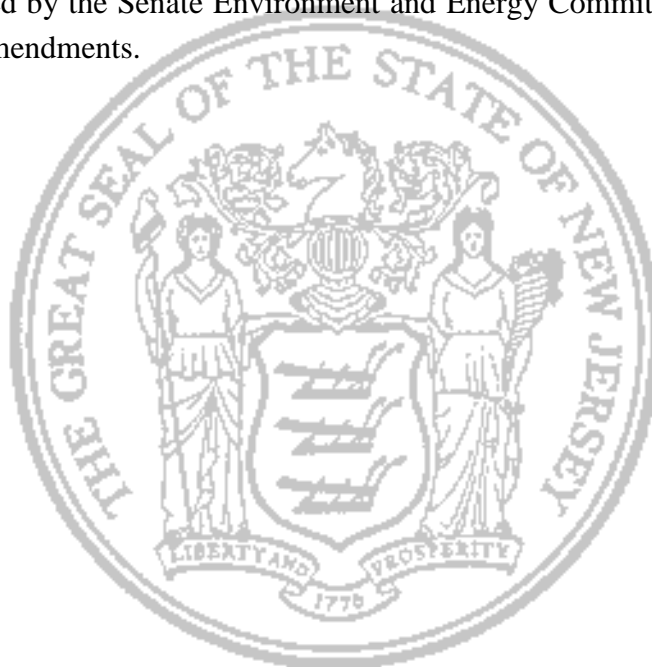
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SYNOPSIS

Expands eligibility for “fishing buddy license” fee.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee on May 15, 2023, with amendments.



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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
27 Around Sportsman License." The fee for this license shall be
28 \$71.25 and an issuance fee of \$1.00, or as adjusted by the Fish and
29 Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1982, c.180 (C.23:3-
30 1a).

31 (2) The fee for an "All Around Sportsman License" shall be
32 reduced by \$10 when application therefor is made at the same time
33 with: (1) another resident of this State who applies for a resident's
34 fishing license, is above 16 years of age and below 65 years of age,
35 and has not bought an "All Around Sportsman License" or resident's
36 fishing license **[after 2010]** in the previous five license years , or
37 (2) a nonresident who applies for a nonresident's annual fishing
38 license, is above 16 years of age, and has not bought a nonresident's
39 annual fishing license **[after 2010]** in the previous five license
40 years . The fee for a resident's fishing license bought in accordance
41 with the requirements of this paragraph shall be \$10.75 and an
42 issuance fee of \$1.00, and the fee for a nonresident's annual fishing
43 license bought in accordance with the requirements of this
44 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

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SEN committee amendments adopted May 15, 2023.

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

1 age of 65 years shall be charged a fee of \$15.50 and an issuance fee
2 of \$1.00. The resident's apprentice bow and arrow license may be
3 issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the person.

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

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

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

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

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

1 A nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license shall
2 authorize its holder to hunt only with hounds and firearms and only
3 when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years of age, of a regular
4 resident's or nonresident's firearm hunting license. A nonresident's
5 apprentice bow and arrow license shall authorize its holder to hunt
6 with bow and arrow only and only when accompanied by a holder,
7 above 21 years of age, of a regular resident's or nonresident's bow
8 and arrow license. The nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting
9 license and the nonresident's apprentice bow and arrow license may
10 each be issued to a person only twice during the lifetime of the
11 person.

12 (1) The fees for the nonresident's firearm hunting license, the
13 nonresident's apprentice firearm hunting license, the nonresident's
14 bow and arrow license, and the nonresident's apprentice bow and
15 arrow license shall each be \$134.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

16 (2) The fee for the nonresident's trapping license shall be
17 \$199.50 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

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

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

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

36 (1) The fee for the nonresident's annual fishing license shall be
37 \$33.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00, except as otherwise provided
38 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, paragraph (5) of
39 subsection a. of this section, or paragraph (2) of subsection d. of
40 section 11 of P.L.1982, c.180 (C.23:3-1.1).

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

1 issuance fee of \$1.00, and the fee for a nonresident's annual fishing
2 license obtained through application at the same time with an
3 application for a nonresident's annual fishing buddy license in
4 accordance with this subsection shall be \$16.50 and an issuance fee
5 of \$1.00.

6 (3) The fee for the nonresident's two-day fishing license shall be
7 \$8.00 and an issuance fee of \$1.00.

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

10 d. Every license issued hereunder shall be void after December
11 31 next succeeding its issuance, except the one-day hunting license,
12 which shall expire on the date of issuance; the nonresident's seven-
13 day fishing license, which is valid only for seven consecutive days
14 after date of issuance; the nonresident's two-day fishing license,
15 which shall expire on the day after the date of issuance; and the
16 nonresident's two-day small game firearm hunting license, which
17 shall expire on the day after the date of issuance.

18 Any license issued hereunder to a person under 16 years of age
19 shall be void after December 31 of the year in which the licensee
20 becomes 16 years of age.

21 e. The fees for licenses set forth in this section may be adjusted
22 by the Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1982,
23 c.180 (C.23:3-1a).

24 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.63)

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26 3. This act shall take effect ¹**immediately** on the first December
27 1st occurring at least six months after the date of enactment of this act,
28 except that the Department of Environmental Protection may take
29 anticipatory administrative action, in advance of the effective date, as
30 may be necessary to implement the provisions of this act¹ .