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**SENATE BILL 888**

Short Title: Nonresident License Fees.

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Sponsors: Senators Robinson; Harris, Hoyle, Rand, Warren, Weinstein, and Wellons.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEES FOR NONRESIDENT HUNTING LICENSES,  
2 TO PROVIDE FOR A BEAR/WILD BOAR HUNTING LICENSE, AND TO  
3 MAKE OTHER CHANGES AFFECTING LICENSES ISSUED BY THE  
4 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-270.1C(b) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) Combination hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources  
9 Commission are:

10 (1) Resident Annual Combination Hunting and Fishing License –  
11 \$20.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual resident of the  
12 State.

13 (2), (3) Repealed by Session Laws 1997-326, s. 2.

14 (4) Lifetime Combination Hunting and Fishing License for Disabled  
15 Residents – \$10.00. This license shall be issued only to (i) an  
16 individual resident of the State who is a fifty percent (50%) or more  
17 disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of  
18 Veterans Affairs, remaining valid for the lifetime of the individual so  
19 long as the individual remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled; or  
20 (ii) an individual resident of the State who is totally disabled,  
21 remaining valid for the lifetime of the individual so long as the  
22 individual remains totally disabled. For purposes of this section,  
23 "totally disabled" means physically incapable of being gainfully  
24 employed. The application form for this license, to be provided by the  
25 Wildlife Resources Commission, allows a person to apply only for the  
26 fishing privileges conveyed by the license. When a person applies only  
27 for the fishing privileges incident to the license, the hunter education

1 requirements contained in G.S. 113-270.1A do not apply. This license  
2 entitles the holder to fish in public mountain trout waters as provided  
3 in G.S. 113-272(a)."

4 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 113-270.2(c) reads as rewritten:

5 "(c) The hunting licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are as  
6 follows:

- 7 (1) Resident State Hunting License – \$15.00. This license shall be issued  
8 only to an individual resident of the State.
- 9 (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Hunting License – \$250.00. This  
10 license shall be issued only to an individual resident of the State and is  
11 valid for the lifetime of the holder.
- 12 (3) Resident County Hunting License – \$10.00. This license shall be  
13 issued only to an individual resident of the State and is valid only in  
14 the county of residence of the license holder.
- 15 (4) Controlled Hunting Preserve Hunting License – \$15.00. This license  
16 shall be issued to an individual resident or nonresident to take only  
17 foxes and domestically raised game birds, other than wild turkey, only  
18 within a controlled hunting preserve licensed and operated in  
19 accordance with G.S. 113-273(g) and implementing rules of the  
20 Wildlife Resources Commission.
- 21 (5) Resident Annual Comprehensive Hunting License – \$30.00. This  
22 license shall be issued only to an individual resident of the State.
- 23 (6) Nonresident State Hunting License. This license shall be issued only to  
24 a nonresident. The nonresident State hunting licenses issued by the  
25 Wildlife Resources Commission are:
  - 26 a. Season License – ~~\$40.00.~~ \$60.00.
  - 27 b. Six-Day License – ~~\$25.00.~~ \$40.00. This license is valid for the  
28 six consecutive dates indicated on the license."

29 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 113-270.3(b) reads as rewritten:

30 "(b) The special activity licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission  
31 are as follows:

- 32 (1) Resident Big Game Hunting License – \$10.00. This license shall be  
33 issued only to an individual resident of the State and entitles the holder  
34 to take big game by all lawful methods and during all open seasons.
- 35 (1a) Nonresident ~~Bear~~ Bear/Wild Boar Hunting License – ~~\$100.00.~~  
36 \$125.00. This license is valid for use only by an individual within the  
37 State and must be procured before taking any bear or wild boar within  
38 the State. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a nonresident  
39 individual may not take any bear or wild boar within the State without  
40 procuring this license; provided, that those persons who have a  
41 nonresident lifetime sportsman combination license purchased prior to  
42 July 1, 1993, May 24, 1994, shall not have to purchase this license.
- 43 (2) Nonresident Big Game Hunting License. This license shall be issued  
44 only to an individual nonresident of the State and entitles the holder to

1 take big game by all lawful methods and during all open seasons. The  
2 nonresident big game hunting licenses issued by the Wildlife  
3 Resources Commission are:

4 a. Season License – ~~\$40.00.~~ \$60.00.

5 b. Six-Day License – ~~\$25.00.~~ \$40.00. This license is only valid for  
6 the six consecutive dates indicated on the license.

7 (3) Game Land License – \$15.00. This license shall be issued to an  
8 individual resident or nonresident of the State and entitles the holder to  
9 hunt and trap on game lands managed by the Wildlife Resources  
10 Commission. The Wildlife Resources Commission may, pursuant to  
11 G.S. 113-264(a), designate in its rules other activities on game lands  
12 that require purchase of this license and may charge additional fees for  
13 use of specially developed facilities.

14 (4) Falconry License – \$10.00. This license shall be issued to an  
15 individual resident or nonresident of the State and must be procured  
16 before:

17 a. Taking, importing, transporting, or possessing a raptor; or

18 b. Taking wildlife by means of falconry.

19 The Wildlife Resources Commission may issue classes of falconry  
20 licenses necessary to participate in the federal/State permit system,  
21 require necessary examinations before issuing licenses or permits to  
22 engage in various authorized activities related to possession and  
23 maintenance of raptors and the sport of falconry, and regulate licenses  
24 as required by governing federal law and rules. To defray the costs of  
25 administering required examinations, the Wildlife Resources  
26 Commission may charge reasonable fees upon giving them. To meet  
27 minimum federal standards plus other State standards in the interests  
28 of conservation of wildlife resources, the Wildlife Resources  
29 Commission may impose all necessary controls, including those set  
30 out in the sections pertaining to collection licenses and captivity  
31 licenses, and may issue permits and require reports, but no collection  
32 license or captivity license is needed in addition to the falconry  
33 license.

34 (5) Migratory Waterfowl Hunting License – \$10.00. This license shall be  
35 issued to an individual resident or nonresident of the State and entitles  
36 the holder to take migratory waterfowl in accordance with applicable  
37 laws and regulations. The Wildlife Resources Commission may  
38 implement this license requirement through the sale of an official  
39 waterfowl stamp which may be a facsimile, in an appropriate size, of  
40 the waterfowl conservation print authorized by G.S. 113-270.2B. An  
41 amount not less than one-half of the annual proceeds from the sale of  
42 this license shall be used by the Commission for cooperative  
43 waterfowl habitat improvement projects through contracts with local  
44 waterfowl interests, with the remainder of the proceeds to be used by

1 the Commission in its statewide programs for the conservation of  
2 waterfowl."

3 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 113-270.4 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 113-270.4. Hunting and fishing guide license.**

5 (a) No one may serve for hire as a hunting or fishing guide without having first  
6 procured a current and valid hunting and fishing guide license. This license is valid only  
7 for use by an individual meeting the criteria set by the Wildlife Resources Commission  
8 for issuance of the license subject to the limitations set forth in this section. Possession  
9 of the hunting and fishing guide license does not relieve the guide from meeting other  
10 applicable license requirements. ~~A nonresident may be licensed pursuant to this section  
11 only upon the same or similar terms that a North Carolina resident may be licensed in  
12 the nonresident's state of residence. The Wildlife Resources Commission may enter into  
13 such reciprocal agreements with other states as are necessary to obtain a hunting and  
14 fishing guide license in North Carolina subject to the foregoing provisions.~~

15 (b) ~~The hunting and fishing guide license is an annual license issued upon  
16 payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) beginning July 1 of each year running until the  
17 following June 30. Licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are:~~

18 (1) Resident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - \$10.00. This license is  
19 valid for use only by an individual resident of the State.

20 (2) Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - \$200.00. This  
21 license is valid for use by a nonresident individual in the State.

22 (c) ~~The Wildlife Resources Commission may by rule provide for the  
23 qualifications and duties of hunting and fishing guides. guides, including requirements  
24 for liability insurance coverage of hunting and fishing guides. In implementing this  
25 section, the Wildlife Resources Commission may delegate to the Executive Director and  
26 his subordinates administrative responsibilities concerning the selection and supervision  
27 of hunting and fishing guides, except that provisions relating to revocation of hunting  
28 and fishing guide licenses must be substantially set out in the rules of the Wildlife  
29 Resources Commission."~~

30 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 113-270.5(a) reads as rewritten:

31 "(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, no one may take  
32 fur-bearing animals by trapping, or by any other authorized special method that  
33 preserves the pelt from injury, without first having procured a current and valid trapping  
34 license. When the trapping license is required, it serves in lieu of a hunting license in the  
35 taking of fur-bearing animals. If fur-bearing animals are taken as game, at the times and  
36 by the hunting methods that may be authorized, hunting license requirements apply. ~~All  
37 trapping licenses are annual licenses issued beginning July 1 each year running until the  
38 following June 30."~~

39 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 113-272(a) reads as rewritten:

40 "(a) Except as provided in ~~G.S. 113-270.1D~~ G.S. 113-270.1D, G.S. 113-  
41 270.1C(b), and G.S. 113-271(a), no one may fish in public mountain trout waters  
42 without having first procured a current and valid special trout license in addition to a  
43 hook-and-line fishing license required in G.S. 113-271. When public mountain trout

1 waters occur on game lands, this license entitles the holder to use game lands only for  
2 the purpose of access to public mountain trout waters to fish with hook and line."

3 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 113-272.2 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 113-272.2. Special device licenses.**

5 (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, no one may fish in inland  
6 fishing waters with any special device without having first procured a current and valid  
7 special device license. Special devices are all devices used in fishing other than hook  
8 and line.

9 ~~(b) All special device licenses are annual licenses issued beginning July 1 each~~  
10 ~~year running until the following June 30.~~

11 (c) The special device licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are  
12 as follows:

13 (1) Resident Noncommercial Special Device License – \$10.00. Except as  
14 rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission provide for use of  
15 equipment by more than one person, this license is valid only for use  
16 by an individual resident of the State. It authorizes the taking of  
17 nongame fish from inland fishing waters with no more than three  
18 special devices authorized by the rules of the Wildlife Resources  
19 Commission for use in specified waters. The Wildlife Resources  
20 Commission may restrict the user of the license to specified registered  
21 equipment, require tagging of items of equipment, charge up to one  
22 dollar (\$1.00) per tag issued, and require periodic catch data reports.  
23 Unless specifically prohibited, nongame fish lawfully taken under this  
24 license may be sold.

25 (1a) Resident Commercial Special Device License – \$100.00. Except as  
26 rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission provide for use of  
27 equipment by more than one person, this license is valid only for use  
28 by an individual resident of the State. It authorizes the taking of  
29 nongame fish from inland fishing waters with four or more special  
30 devices authorized by the rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission  
31 for use in specified waters. The Wildlife Resources Commission may  
32 restrict the user of the license to specified registered equipment,  
33 require tagging of items of equipment, charge up to one dollar (\$1.00)  
34 per tag issued, and require periodic catch data reports. Nongame fish  
35 lawfully taken under this license may be sold.

36 (2) Nonresident Noncommercial Special Device License – \$50.00. Except  
37 as rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission provide for use of  
38 equipment by more than one person, this license is valid for use only  
39 by an individual within the State. It is otherwise subject to the terms  
40 and conditions set out in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

41 (2a) Nonresident Commercial Special Device License – ~~\$100.00 or the~~  
42 ~~amount the nonresident's state of residence charges a North Carolina~~  
43 ~~resident to engage in the activity authorized by this license, whichever~~  
44 ~~is higher.~~ \$200.00. Except as rules of the Wildlife Resources

1                    Commission provide for use of equipment by more than one person,  
2                    this license is valid only for use by an individual within the State. It is  
3                    otherwise subject to the terms and conditions set out in subdivision  
4                    (1a) of this subsection.

5                    (3),    (4) Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 156, s. 11.

6                    (d)    Repealed by Session Laws 1995, c. 36, s. 2."

7                    **SECTION 8.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.