

House Bill 2771

Sponsored by Representative WHISNANT

SUMMARY

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Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue hunting and angling licenses at no charge to Oregon residents who are active members or veterans of Armed Forces of United States.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to licenses issued by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission; amending ORS 396.370,
3 497.102 and 497.121.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 497.102 is amended to read:

6 497.102. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission is authorized to issue, upon application, to
7 persons desiring to hunt wildlife the following licenses and permits and shall charge therefor the
8 following fees:

9 (a) Resident annual hunting license to hunt wildlife, \$19.

10 (b) Nonresident annual hunting license to hunt wildlife, \$73.

11 (c) Resident annual juvenile hunting license for persons 14 through 17 years of age to hunt
12 wildlife except those species for which a game mammal tag or permit is required by the wildlife laws
13 or by any rule promulgated pursuant thereto, \$2.

14 (d) Resident pioneer hunting license to hunt wildlife for persons 65 years of age or older who
15 have resided in the state for not less than 50 years prior to the date of application, free.

16 (e) Resident annual senior citizen hunting license to hunt wildlife for persons 70 years of age
17 or older who have resided in the state for not less than five years prior to the date of application,
18 one-half the fee imposed under paragraph (a) of this subsection for a resident annual hunting license
19 to hunt wildlife.

20 (f) Resident disabled war veteran hunting license to hunt wildlife for a person who files with the
21 commission written proof that the last official certification of record by the United States Depart-
22 ment of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shows the person
23 to be at least 25 percent disabled, free.

24 **(g) Resident veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States hunting license to hunt**
25 **wildlife for a person who files with the commission written proof from the United States**
26 **Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States that**
27 **confirms the status of the person as a veteran, free.**

28 **(h) Annual resident active member of the Armed Forces of the United States hunting li-**
29 **cence to hunt wildlife for an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as**
30 **defined in ORS 497.006, who files with the commission written proof of both active member-**
31 **ship in the Armed Forces of the United States and Oregon residency, free.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 [(g)] (i) Annual resident private hunting preserve permit to hunt privately owned hunting pre-
 2 serve game birds, \$3.

3 [(h)] (j) Annual nonresident private hunting preserve permit to hunt privately owned hunting
 4 preserve game birds, \$9.

5 [(i)] (k) Nonresident hunting license to hunt migratory waterfowl and upland birds for three
 6 consecutive days, \$20.

7 (2) The hunting preserve permits referred to in subsection [(1)(g) and (h)] (1)(i) and (j) of this
 8 section are in lieu of the hunting licenses required by the wildlife laws.

9 **SECTION 2.** ORS 497.121 is amended to read:

10 497.121. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission is authorized to issue, upon application, to
 11 persons desiring to angle for fish or take shellfish the following licenses and tags and shall charge
 12 therefor the following fees:

13 (a) Resident annual angling license, \$21.

14 (b) Nonresident annual angling license, \$54.75.

15 (c) Nonresident angling license to angle for seven consecutive days, \$39.50.

16 (d) Angling license to angle for one day, \$9.25.

17 (e) Resident annual juvenile angling license for persons 14 through 17 years of age, \$4.

18 (f) Resident annual shellfish license, \$5.

19 (g) Nonresident annual shellfish license, \$15.

20 (h) Nonresident three-day shellfish license, \$7.50.

21 (i) Resident pioneer angling license for persons 65 years of age or older who have resided in the
 22 state for not less than 50 years prior to the date of application, free.

23 (j) Resident annual senior citizen angling license for persons 70 years of age or older who have
 24 resided in the state for not less than five years prior to the date of application, one-half the fee
 25 imposed under paragraph (a) of this subsection for a resident annual angling license.

26 (k) Resident disabled war veteran angling license for a person who files with the commission
 27 written proof that the last official certification of record by the United States Department of Vet-
 28 erans Affairs or by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shows the person to be
 29 at least 25 percent disabled, free.

30 **(L) Resident veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States angling license for a**
 31 **person who files with the commission written proof from the United States Department of**
 32 **Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States that confirms the**
 33 **status of the person as a veteran, free.**

34 **(m) Annual resident active member of the Armed Forces of the United States angling**
 35 **license for an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined in ORS**
 36 **497.006, who files with the commission written proof of both active membership in the Armed**
 37 **Forces of the United States and Oregon residency, free.**

38 [(L)] (n) Annual tag to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut, \$20.

39 [(m)] (o) Annual tag for persons under 18 years of age to angle for salmon, steelhead trout,
 40 sturgeon and halibut, \$5.

41 [(n)] (p) Renewable tag to angle for hatchery salmon and steelhead, \$10.50.

42 (2) Any person who holds a valid permanent angling license for blind persons or a permanent
 43 angling license for persons in a wheelchair issued by the commission before January 1, 2000, need
 44 not obtain a resident annual angling license under this section.

45 (3) The annual tags to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut referred to in

1 subsection [(1)(L), (m) and (n)] **(1)(n), (o) and (p)** of this section are in addition to and not in lieu
 2 of the angling licenses required by the wildlife laws. However, an annual tag to angle for salmon,
 3 steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut is not required of a person who holds a valid angling license
 4 referred to in subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section.

5 **SECTION 3.** ORS 396.370 is amended to read:

6 396.370. (1) As used in this section, “active member of the Armed Forces of the United States”
 7 and “Armed Forces of the United States” have the meanings given those terms in ORS 497.006.

8 (2) A person may apply to the Oregon Military Department for reimbursement for the cost of a
 9 resident annual hunting license to hunt wildlife issued to the person under ORS 497.102 and a resi-
 10 dent annual angling license issued to the person under ORS 497.121 if the person:

11 (a) Is an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States; or

12 (b) Has retired from the Armed Forces of the United States within 12 months of the date of
 13 making the application for a license.

14 (3)(a) The department shall reimburse a person described in subsection (2) of this section for the
 15 cost of a resident annual hunting license to hunt wildlife and a resident annual angling license upon
 16 receipt of the person’s application.

17 **(b) The department may not reimburse a person described in subsection (2) of this sec-**
 18 **tion for the cost of a resident annual hunting license to hunt wildlife or a resident annual**
 19 **angling license if that person has applied for and received from the State Fish and Wildlife**
 20 **Commission a resident annual hunting license under ORS 497.102 or resident annual angling**
 21 **license under ORS 497.121 that is provided by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission free**
 22 **to active members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are residents of Oregon.**

23 (4) The department shall adopt regulations implementing subsection (3) of this section.
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