

House Bill 2252

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule to establish multiyear licenses. Allows issuing agents to charge certain fees for certain licenses and tags. Provides that members of uniformed services who are not resident members of uniformed services are resident persons for purchase of certain licenses, tags and permits.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to wildlife; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 396.370, 496.146, 497.006 and
3 497.022.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 496.146 is amended to read:

6 496.146. In addition to any other duties or powers provided by law, the State Fish and Wildlife
7 Commission:

8 (1) May accept, from whatever source, appropriations, gifts or grants of money or other property
9 for the purposes of wildlife management, and use such money or property for wildlife management
10 purposes.

11 (2) May sell or exchange property owned by the state and used for wildlife management pur-
12 poses when the commission determines that such sale or exchange would be advantageous to the
13 state wildlife policy and management programs.

14 (3) May acquire, introduce, propagate and stock wildlife species in such manner as the com-
15 mission determines will carry out the state wildlife policy and management programs.

16 (4) May by rule authorize the issuance of such licenses, tags and permits for angling, taking,
17 hunting and trapping and may prescribe such tagging and sealing procedures as the commission
18 determines necessary to carry out the provisions of the wildlife laws or to obtain information for
19 use in wildlife management. Permits issued pursuant to this subsection may include special hunting
20 permits for a person and immediate family members of the person to hunt on land owned by that
21 person in areas where permits for deer or elk are limited by quota. As used in this subsection,
22 "immediate family members" means husband, wife, father, mother, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters,
23 stepchildren and grandchildren. A landowner who is qualified to receive landowner preference tags
24 from the commission may request two additional tags for providing public access and two additional
25 tags for wildlife habitat programs. This request shall be made to the Access and Habitat Board with
26 supporting evidence that the access is significant and the habitat programs benefit wildlife. The
27 board may recommend that the commission grant the request. When a landowner is qualified under
28 landowner preference rules adopted by the commission and receives a controlled hunt tag for that
29 unit or a landowner preference tag for the landowner's property and does not use the tag during the
30 regular season, the landowner may use that tag to take an antlerless animal, when approved by the

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 State Department of Fish and Wildlife, to alleviate damage that is presently occurring to the
2 landowner's property.

3 (5) May by rule prescribe procedures requiring the holder of any license, tag or permit issued
4 pursuant to the wildlife laws to keep records and make reports concerning the time, manner and
5 place of taking wildlife, the quantities taken and such other information as the commission deter-
6 mines necessary for proper enforcement of the wildlife laws or to obtain information for use in
7 wildlife management.

8 (6) May establish special hunting and angling areas or seasons in which only persons less than
9 18 years of age or over 65 years of age are permitted to hunt or angle.

10 (7) May acquire by purchase, lease, agreement or gift real property and all appropriate interests
11 therein for wildlife management and wildlife-oriented recreation purposes.

12 (8) May acquire by purchase, lease, agreement, gift, exercise of eminent domain or otherwise
13 real property and all interests therein and establish, operate and maintain thereon public hunting
14 areas.

15 (9) May establish and develop wildlife refuge and management areas and prescribe rules gov-
16 erning the use of such areas and the use of wildlife refuge and management areas established and
17 developed pursuant to any other provision of law.

18 (10) May by rule prescribe fees for licenses, tags, permits and applications issued or required
19 pursuant to the wildlife laws, and user charges for angling, hunting or other recreational uses of
20 lands owned or managed by the commission, unless such fees or user charges are otherwise pre-
21 scribed by law. Except for licenses issued pursuant to subsection (14) of this section, no fee or user
22 charge prescribed by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall exceed \$100.

23 (11) May enter into contracts with any person or governmental agency for the development and
24 encouragement of wildlife research and management programs and projects.

25 (12) May perform such acts as may be necessary for the establishment and implementation of
26 cooperative wildlife management programs with agencies of the federal government.

27 (13) May offer and pay rewards for the arrest and conviction of any person who has violated
28 any of the wildlife laws. No such reward shall exceed \$100 for any one arrest and conviction.

29 (14) May by rule prescribe fees for falconry licenses issued pursuant to the wildlife laws, unless
30 such fees are otherwise prescribed by law. Fees prescribed by the commission pursuant to this sub-
31 section shall be based on actual or projected costs of administering falconry regulations and shall
32 not exceed \$250.

33 (15) May establish special fishing and hunting seasons and bag limits applicable only to persons
34 with disabilities.

35 (16) May adopt optimum populations for deer and elk consistent with ORS 496.012. These popu-
36 lation levels shall be reviewed at least once every five years.

37 (17) Shall establish a preference system so that individuals who are unsuccessful in controlled
38 hunt permit drawings for deer and elk hunting have reasonable assurance of success in those
39 drawings in subsequent years. In establishing the preference system, the commission shall consider
40 giving additional preference points to persons who have been issued a resident pioneer hunting li-
41 cense pursuant to ORS 497.102.

42 (18) May sell advertising in State Department of Fish and Wildlife publications, including annual
43 hunting and angling regulation publications.

44 (19) May, notwithstanding the fees required by ORS 497.112, provide free hunting tags to an
45 organization that sponsors hunting trips for terminally ill children.

1 (20) Shall, after consultation with the State Department of Agriculture, adopt rules prohibiting
2 the use of the World Wide Web, other Internet protocols or broadcast or closed circuit media to
3 remotely control a weapon for the purpose of hunting any game bird, wildlife, game mammal or
4 other mammal. The rules may exempt the State Department of Fish and Wildlife or agents of the
5 department from the prohibition.

6 (21) May adopt rules establishing a schedule of civil penalties, not to exceed \$6,500 per vio-
7 lation, for violations of provisions of the wildlife laws or rules adopted by the commission under the
8 wildlife laws. Civil penalties established under this subsection must be imposed in the manner pro-
9 vided by ORS 183.745 and must be deposited in the State Wildlife Fund established under ORS
10 496.300.

11 (22) May by rule impose a surcharge not to exceed \$25 for the renewal of a hunting license on
12 any person who fails to comply with mandatory hunting reporting requirements. Amounts collected
13 as surcharges under this subsection must be deposited in the State Wildlife Fund established under
14 ORS 496.300.

15 **(23) May by rule establish multiyear licenses and may prescribe fees for such licenses.**
16 **Fees prescribed by the commission for multiyear licenses may provide for a discount from**
17 **the annual license fees that would otherwise be payable for the period of time covered by the**
18 **multiyear license.**

19 **SECTION 2.** ORS 497.022 is amended to read:

20 497.022. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may appoint agents to issue any of the li-
21 censes, tags or permits the commission is authorized by law to issue. The commission shall prescribe
22 the procedure for the issuance of such licenses, tags and permits. Agents of the commission shall
23 issue licenses, tags and permits in accordance with the prescribed procedure and shall charge and
24 collect the fees prescribed by law therefor.

25 (2) In addition to the fees prescribed by law for the issuance of a license, tag or permit, the is-
26 suing agent shall charge and collect \$5 for each resident annual sportsperson's license issued pur-
27 suant to ORS 497.132 (2)(a) **and (3)(a), \$10 for each nonresident annual hunting license issued**
28 **pursuant to ORS 497.102, \$10 for each nonresident annual deer tag, nonresident annual elk**
29 **tag, nonresident annual black bear tag, nonresident annual mountain goat tag, nonresident**
30 **annual mountain sheep tag and nonresident annual antelope tag issued pursuant to ORS**
31 **497.112 (1) and \$2 each for any other license, tag or permit. If the agent is a county clerk, the agent**
32 **shall deposit such additional fees in the general fund of the county for which the agent is the clerk.**
33 **If the agent is an employee of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the moneys shall be de-**
34 **posited in the State Wildlife Fund. Agents other than county clerks or department employees who**
35 **issue licenses without the use of a state computerized licensing system may retain such additional**
36 **fees for their license tag or permit issuance services. Agents other than county clerks or department**
37 **employees who issue licenses, tags or permits using a state computerized licensing system may re-**
38 **tain such portion of the additional fees, but not less than \$2.50 for each resident annual**
39 **sportsperson's license issued pursuant to ORS 497.132 (2)(a) and (3)(a), \$7.50 for each nonresident**
40 **annual hunting license issued pursuant to ORS 497.102, \$7.50 for each nonresident annual**
41 **deer tag, nonresident annual elk tag, nonresident annual black bear tag, nonresident annual**
42 **mountain goat tag, nonresident annual mountain sheep tag and nonresident annual antelope**
43 **tag issued pursuant to ORS 497.112 (1) or \$1 for any other license, tag or permit, as may be**
44 **specified by contract between the department and the agent for license, tag or permit issuance ser-**
45 **vice performed by the agent.**

1 (3) If the commission finds that an agent appointed pursuant to this section has violated any of
 2 the provisions of law or the procedures prescribed by the commission for the issuance of licenses,
 3 tags or permits or the collection and disposition of fees therefrom, the commission may revoke the
 4 authority of the agent to issue licenses, tags and permits, or may suspend such authority for such
 5 time as the commission considers appropriate.

6 **SECTION 3.** ORS 497.006, as amended by section 10, chapter 106, Oregon Laws 2012, is
 7 amended to read:

8 497.006. (1) As used in this section:

9 (a) “Dependent children” includes any children of an active member of the Armed Forces of the
 10 United States who:

11 (A) Are under 18 years of age and not married, otherwise emancipated or self-supporting; or

12 (B) Are under 23 years of age, unmarried, enrolled in a full-time course of study in an institution
 13 of higher learning and dependent on the resident member of the uniformed services for over one-half
 14 of their support.

15 (b) “Resident member of the uniformed services” means a member of the uniformed services who:

16 (A) Resides in this state while assigned to duty at any base, station, shore establishment or
 17 other facility in this state;

18 (B) Resides in this state while serving as a member of the crew of a ship that has an Oregon
 19 port or shore establishment as its home port or permanent station; or

20 (C) Resides in another state or a foreign country and establishes Oregon residency by filing
 21 Oregon state income taxes no later than 12 months before leaving active duty.

22 (c) “Uniformed services” means:

23 (A) The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United States;

24 (B) The reserves of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United
 25 States;

26 (C) The Oregon National Guard and the National Guard of any other state or territory;

27 (D) The commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

28 (E) The Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services
 29 while detailed by proper authority for duty with the Army or Navy of the United States.

30 (2) The following persons are resident persons for the purpose of purchasing licenses, tags and
 31 permits issued by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission:

32 (a) A resident member of the uniformed services and the member’s spouse and dependent chil-
 33 dren.

34 **(b) A member of the uniformed services who is not a resident member of the uniformed**
 35 **services, except for the purpose of purchasing controlled hunt tags issued by the commis-**
 36 **sion.**

37 *[(b)]* (c) An alien who furnishes to the commission evidence satisfactory to the commission that
 38 the alien is attending a school in this state pursuant to a foreign student exchange program.

39 **SECTION 4.** ORS 396.370, as amended by section 11, chapter 106, Oregon Laws 2012, is
 40 amended to read:

41 396.370. (1) As used in this section, “Armed Forces of the United States” means:

42 (a) The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United States;

43 (b) The reserves of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard of the United
 44 States; and

45 (c) The Oregon National Guard and the National Guard of any other state or territory.

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

4 (a) Is an officer or enlisted person in the Armed Forces of the United States who:

5 (A) Resides in this state while assigned to duty at any base, station, shore establishment or
6 other facility in this state;

7 (B) Resides in this state while serving as a member of the crew of a ship that has an Oregon
8 port or shore establishment as its home port or permanent station; or

9 (C) Resides in another state or a foreign country and establishes Oregon residency by filing
10 Oregon state income taxes no later than 12 months before leaving active duty; or

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

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

16 (4) **The provisions of this section do not apply to a person described in ORS 497.006 (2)(b).**

17 [(4)] (5) The department shall adopt regulations implementing subsection (3) of this section.

18 **SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 497.022 by section 2 of this 2013 Act apply to li-**
19 **censes issued pursuant to ORS 497.102 and 497.132 (3)(a), and tags issued pursuant to ORS**
20 **497.112, by issuing agents on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

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