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## ***Bill Analysis***

*Legislative Service Commission*

### **S.B. 59**

123rd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens. Furney, Wachtmann, Prentiss, McLin, Mumper, Latta, Shoemaker, Cupp, Brady, DiDonato, Drake, Hagan, White, Latell, Herington, Espy**

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#### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Authorizes the Chief of the Division of Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources to sell gift certificates for hunting and fishing licenses, fur taker, special deer, and special wild turkey permits, and wetlands habitat stamps.
- Requires the Chief to adopt rules for the purposes of implementing the sale of gift certificates.
- Stipulates that nothing in its provisions or in rules adopted under it relieves an individual who receives a gift certificate for a hunting license or a fur taker permit from complying with existing statutes requiring proof of relevant experience or training.

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#### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill authorizes the Chief of the Division of Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources to sell gift certificates that may be used to obtain hunting and fishing licenses, fur taker, special deer, and special wild turkey permits, and wetlands habitat stamps. For the purposes of implementing the sale of gift certificates, the Chief must adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act doing all of the following:

- (1) Providing that a gift certificate may be used to obtain any of the licenses, permits, and stamps identified above, including both resident and nonresident hunting and fishing licenses, or a combination of those licenses, permits, and stamps;
- (2) Prescribing the form for the gift certificates;

(3) Authorizing persons who are designated and authorized under current law to sell the licenses and permits identified above (authorized agents) also to sell gift certificates;

(4) Establishing fees for the gift certificates, which must equal the total of the fee established under existing law for the specific license, permit, stamp, or combination for which a gift certificate is purchased and the \$1 issuing fee charged by authorized agents under existing law;

(5) Requiring gift certificates to expire one year after the date of purchase.

The bill stipulates that nothing in its provisions or in rules adopted under it relieves an individual who receives a gift certificate for a hunting license from complying with the requirement in existing law that an applicant for a hunting license present a previously held hunting license or evidence of having held such a license approved by the Chief, a certificate of completion of a hunter education and conservation course approved by the Chief, or evidence of equivalent training approved by the Chief. Similarly, nothing in the bill or in rules adopted under it relieves an individual who receives a gift certificate for a fur taker permit from complying with the requirement in existing law that an applicant for a fur taker permit present a previously held hunting license or trapping or fur taker permit or evidence of having held such a license or permit approved by the Chief, a certificate of completion of a trapper education course approved by the Chief, or evidence of equivalent training approved by the Chief. (Sec. 1533.131.)

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## HISTORY

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