



H.B. 351

125th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Decreases the fees for hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses, permits, and stamps to the amounts that were in effect prior to September 26, 2003.
- Restores free licenses, permits, and stamps for residents of the state who are 66 years of age or older.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Hunting and fishing license, permit, and stamp requirements and fees

The Hunting and Fishing Law establishes fees for hunting and fishing licenses, permits, and stamps issued by the Division of Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources. Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly, the biennial budget act that became effective on September 26, 2003, increased the amount of the fees to their current levels. The bill decreases the fees to the amounts that were in effect prior to the effective date of that act as follows:

License, permit, or stamp	Current fee	Proposed fee	Revised Code section
Hunting license for resident	\$18	\$14	1533.10
Hunting license for nonresident whose state has reciprocity agreement with Ohio	\$18	\$14	1533.10
Hunting license for nonresident whose state does not have reciprocity agreement	\$124	\$90	1533.10

Small game hunting license for nonresidents	\$39	\$24	1533.10
Fishing license for resident	\$18	\$14	1533.32
Fishing license for nonresident whose state has reciprocity agreement with Ohio	\$18	\$14	1533.32
Fishing license for nonresident whose state does not have reciprocity agreement	\$39	\$23	1533.32
Tourist's fishing license	\$18	\$14	1533.32
One-day fishing license	55% of tourist's fishing license fee	40% of tourist's fishing license fee	1533.32
Fur taker permit	\$14	\$10	1533.111
Special deer or wild turkey permit	\$23	\$19	1533.11
Wetlands habitat stamp	\$14	\$10	1533.112
Reissuance of licenses, permits, or stamps	\$4	\$2	1533.101
Field trial permit	\$50	\$25	1533.19

Cost of licenses, permits, and stamps issued to senior citizens

Current law requires annual fishing licenses, hunting licenses, fur taker permits, deer and wild turkey permits, and wetlands habitat stamps, and any combination of those licenses, permits, and stamp, to be issued free of charge when application is made by a resident of the state who was born on or before December 31, 1937, to the Chief of the Division of Wildlife in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the Chief (sec. 1533.12(B)(2)). It also requires state residents who at the time of application are at least 66 years old, except for those born on or before December 31, 1937, to purchase a special senior fishing license, special senior hunting license, special senior fur taker permit, and

special senior deer or wild turkey permit, as applicable. The fee for each such license or permit is one-half of the regular license or permit fee. (Secs. 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, and 1533.32.) In addition, those residents must pay the regular fee for wetlands habitat stamps (sec. 1533.112).

The bill instead requires the annual fishing licenses, hunting licenses, fur taker permits, deer and wild turkey permits, and wetlands habitat stamps, and any combination of those licenses, permits, and stamp, to be issued free of charge to state residents applying for them who are 66 years of age or older (secs. 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.112, 1533.12(B)(2), and 1533.32). The bill also authorizes any state resident who is 66 years of age or older to take or catch frogs and turtles without a fishing license (sec. 1533.32). These changes regarding licenses, permits, and stamps issued to senior citizens mirror the provisions that were in effect prior to September 26, 2003, the effective date of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly.

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