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H. F. No. 5393

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; reducing angling and deer hunting license fees for those
1.3 70 and older; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 97A.475, subdivisions
1.4 2, 6; 97B.715, subdivision 1; 97B.801.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Resident hunting. Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents
1.8 only, are:

1.9 (1) for persons age 18 or over and under age 65 to take small game, \$15.50;

1.10 (2) for persons age 65 or over, \$7 to take small game;

1.11 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, \$26;

1.12 (4) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;

1.13 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms
1.14 season, \$34;

1.15 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, \$34;

1.16 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
1.17 season, \$34;

1.18 (8) for persons age 70 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms
1.19 season, \$2;

1.20 (8) (9) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, \$356;

- 2.1 ~~(9)~~ (10) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$44;
- 2.2 ~~(10)~~ (11) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, \$287;
- 2.3 ~~(11)~~ (12) to take Canada geese during a special season, \$4;
- 2.4 ~~(12)~~ (13) to take light geese during the light goose conservation order, \$2.50;
- 2.5 ~~(13)~~ (14) to take sandhill crane during the sandhill crane season, \$3;
- 2.6 ~~(14)~~ (15) to take prairie chickens, \$23;
- 2.7 ~~(15)~~ (16) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during  
2.8 the regular firearms season, \$5;
- 2.9 ~~(16)~~ (17) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;
- 2.10 ~~(17)~~ (18) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader  
2.11 during the muzzleloader season, \$5;
- 2.12 ~~(18)~~ (19) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee;
- 2.13 ~~(19)~~ (20) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take bear, \$5;
- 2.14 ~~(20)~~ (21) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period  
2.15 selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to one-half of the fee for the  
2.16 migratory-waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the  
2.17 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half of  
2.18 the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in the  
2.19 pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and one-half  
2.20 of the small-game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the wildlife acquisition  
2.21 account;
- 2.22 ~~(21)~~ (22) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5;
- 2.23 ~~(22)~~ (23) to take wolf, \$30;
- 2.24 ~~(23)~~ (24) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;
- 2.25 ~~(24)~~ (25) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by firearm, no fee;
- 2.26 ~~(25)~~ (26) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by archery, no fee; and
- 2.27 ~~(26)~~ (27) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by muzzleloader during the  
2.28 muzzleloader season, no fee.

3.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

3.2 Subd. 6. **Resident fishing.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents only,  
3.3 are:

3.4 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, \$25;

3.5 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a married  
3.6 couple, \$40;

3.7 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by spearing from a dark house, \$6, and the  
3.8 person must possess an angling license;

3.9 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by  
3.10 the licensee, \$12;

3.11 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a consecutive 72-hour period  
3.12 selected by the licensee, \$14;

3.13 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for three consecutive years, \$71;  
3.14 ~~and~~

3.15 (7) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take fish by angling, \$5; and

3.16 (8) for persons age 70 or over to take fish by angling, \$2.

3.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.715, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.18 Subdivision 1. **Stamp required.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) or section  
3.19 97A.405, subdivision 2, a person required to possess a small-game license may not hunt  
3.20 pheasants without a pheasant stamp validation.

3.21 (b) The following persons are exempt from this subdivision:

3.22 (1) residents and nonresidents under age 18 and residents over age 65;

3.23 (2) persons hunting on licensed commercial shooting preserves;

3.24 (3) resident disabled veterans with a license issued under section 97A.441, subdivision  
3.25 6a; and

3.26 (4) residents and nonresidents hunting on licenses issued under section 97A.475,  
3.27 subdivision 2, clause ~~(20)~~ (21); or 3, paragraph (a), clause (16).

4.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.801, is amended to read:

4.2 **97B.801 MINNESOTA MIGRATORY-WATERFOWL STAMP REQUIRED.**

4.3 (a) Except as provided in this section or section 97A.405, subdivision 2, a person required  
4.4 to possess a small-game license may not take migratory waterfowl without a  
4.5 migratory-waterfowl stamp validation.

4.6 (b) Residents under age 18 or over age 65; resident disabled veterans with a license  
4.7 issued under section 97A.441, subdivision 6a; and persons hunting on their own property  
4.8 are not required to possess a stamp validation under this section.

4.9 (c) Residents and nonresidents with licenses issued under section 97A.475, subdivision  
4.10 2, clause ~~(20)~~ (21); or 3, paragraph (a), clause (16), are not required to possess a stamp  
4.11 validation under this section.

4.12 Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4.13 Sections 1 to 4 are effective March 1, 2025.