

HOUSE BILL No. 1178

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-9-5-4; IC 14-22-12-1.

Synopsis: Reduced hunting license fees for seniors. Permits a resident of Indiana who is at least 64 years of age to purchase certain licenses, other than fishing or trapping licenses, for 50% of the current fee.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-9-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2014,
2 SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "account" means the
4 Indiana sportsmen's benevolence account established by subsection (b).
5 (b) The Indiana sportsmen's benevolence account is established
6 within the fund for the division of law enforcement to encourage
7 citizen participation in feeding the state's hungry through donations of
8 wild game that has been lawfully hunted.
9 (c) The account consists of:
10 (1) gifts;
11 (2) donations;
12 (3) proceeds derived from marketing by the division of law
13 enforcement of goods related to the feeding of the state's hungry
14 through donations of wild game under subsection (b); and
15 (4) donations collected under ~~IC 14-22-12-1(c)~~.
16 **IC 14-22-12-1(d)**.
17 (d) The expenses of administering the account shall be paid from



- 1 money in the account.
- 2 (e) The division of law enforcement shall:
- 3 (1) conduct a publicity campaign relating to feeding the state's
- 4 hungry through donations of wild game;
- 5 (2) coordinate with nonprofit entities and other entities created
- 6 with goals of feeding the state's hungry;
- 7 (3) coordinate with nonprofit entities to use the money collected
- 8 under ~~IC 14-22-12-1(e)~~ **IC 14-22-12-1(d)** to assist meat
- 9 processors in processing donations of wild game related to
- 10 feeding the state's hungry; and
- 11 (4) engage in any other activities to further the goals of this
- 12 section.
- 13 (f) A person who receives money from the fund must submit a
- 14 budget request for providing estimated payments to participating meat
- 15 processors for the number of donated wild game animals to be included
- 16 in the program. The division of law enforcement must certify the
- 17 information on the application and determine:
- 18 (1) whether the participating meat processor may receive a grant;
- 19 and
- 20 (2) the amount of the grant each participating meat processor may
- 21 receive under this section.
- 22 (g) An eligible meat processor may use money granted to the meat
- 23 processor from the account as authorized under this section. However,
- 24 an eligible meat processor must submit to the division of law
- 25 enforcement any information that is requested of the meat processor.
- 26 At the request of the division of law enforcement or the state board of
- 27 accounts, the eligible meat processor shall submit to an audit of the
- 28 funds received.
- 29 (h) The division of law enforcement shall make grant distributions
- 30 under this section to eligible meat processors as soon as practical after
- 31 receipt of an approved invoice for payment.
- 32 (i) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement
- 33 this chapter, including rules governing:
- 34 (1) the deadlines for applying for a grant under this section;
- 35 (2) the types of expenses incurred for which grant money may be
- 36 used; and
- 37 (3) any expense documentation required to satisfy program
- 38 accounting needs.
- 39 (j) Money in the account is annually appropriated for the purposes
- 40 described in this section.
- 41 (k) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not
- 42 currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same



1 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
 2 from these investments shall be deposited in the account.

3 (l) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 4 revert to the state general fund.

5 SECTION 2. IC 14-22-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2022,
 6 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 1. (a) The department may issue the following
 8 licenses individually or in combination and, except as provided in
 9 section 1.5 of this chapter and subject to subsection ~~(b)~~, (c), shall
 10 charge the following minimum license fees to hunt, trap, or fish in
 11 Indiana:

12 (1) A resident yearly license to fish, eight dollars and seventy-five
 13 cents (\$8.75).

14 (2) A resident yearly license to hunt, eight dollars and
 15 seventy-five cents (\$8.75).

16 (3) A resident yearly license to hunt and fish, thirteen dollars and
 17 seventy-five cents (\$13.75).

18 (4) A resident yearly license to trap, eight dollars and seventy-five
 19 cents (\$8.75).

20 (5) A nonresident yearly license to fish, twenty-four dollars and
 21 seventy-five cents (\$24.75).

22 (6) A nonresident yearly license to hunt, sixty dollars and
 23 seventy-five cents (\$60.75).

24 (7) A nonresident yearly license to trap, one hundred seventeen
 25 dollars and seventy-five cents (\$117.75).

26 (8) A resident or nonresident license to fish, including for trout
 27 and salmon, for one (1) day only, four dollars and seventy-five
 28 cents (\$4.75).

29 (9) A nonresident license to fish, excluding for trout and salmon,
 30 for seven (7) days only, twelve dollars and seventy-five cents
 31 (\$12.75).

32 (10) A nonresident license to hunt for five (5) consecutive days
 33 only, twenty-five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$25.75).

34 (11) A resident or nonresident yearly electronically generated
 35 stamp to fish for trout and salmon, six dollars and seventy-five
 36 cents (\$6.75).

37 (12) A resident yearly license to take a deer with a shotgun,
 38 muzzle loading gun, rifle, or handgun, thirteen dollars and
 39 seventy-five cents (\$13.75).

40 (13) A resident yearly license to take a deer with a muzzle loading
 41 gun, thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$13.75).

42 (14) A resident yearly license to take a deer with a:



- 1 (A) bow and arrow; or
 2 (B) crossbow and bolt;
 3 thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$13.75).
 4 (15) A nonresident yearly license to take a deer with a shotgun,
 5 muzzle loading gun, rifle, or handgun, one hundred twenty dollars
 6 and seventy-five cents (\$120.75).
 7 (16) A nonresident yearly license to take a deer with a muzzle
 8 loading gun, one hundred twenty dollars and seventy-five cents
 9 (\$120.75).
 10 (17) A nonresident yearly license to take a deer with a:
 11 (A) bow and arrow; or
 12 (B) crossbow and bolt;
 13 one hundred twenty dollars and seventy-five cents (\$120.75).
 14 (18) A resident license to take an extra deer by a means, in a
 15 location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the
 16 department under IC 4-22-2, five dollars (\$5).
 17 (19) A nonresident license to take an extra deer by a means, in a
 18 location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the
 19 department under IC 4-22-2, ten dollars (\$10).
 20 (20) A resident yearly license to take a turkey, fourteen dollars
 21 and seventy-five cents (\$14.75).
 22 (21) A nonresident yearly license to take a turkey, one hundred
 23 fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$114.75).
 24 (22) A resident license to take an extra turkey by a means, in a
 25 location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the
 26 department under IC 4-22-2, fourteen dollars and seventy-five
 27 cents (\$14.75).
 28 (23) A nonresident license to take an extra turkey by a means, in
 29 a location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by
 30 the department under IC 4-22-2, one hundred fourteen dollars and
 31 seventy-five cents (\$114.75).
 32 (24) A resident youth yearly consolidated license to hunt, trap,
 33 and fish, six dollars (\$6). This license is subject to the following:
 34 (A) An applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 35 (B) The license is in lieu of the resident yearly license to hunt,
 36 trap, and fish and all other yearly licenses, stamps, or permits
 37 to hunt, trap, and fish for a specific species or by a specific
 38 means.
 39 (25) A nonresident youth yearly license to hunt, seventeen dollars
 40 (\$17). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 41 This license includes all yearly stamps to hunt for a specific
 42 species or by specific means.



- 1 (26) A nonresident youth yearly license to trap, seventeen dollars
 2 (\$17). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 3 (27) A nonresident youth yearly license to take a turkey,
 4 twenty-five dollars (\$25). The applicant must be less than
 5 eighteen (18) years of age.
 6 (28) A nonresident youth license to take an extra turkey by a
 7 means, in a location, and under conditions established by rule
 8 adopted by the department under IC 4-22-2, twenty-five dollars
 9 (\$25). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 10 (29) A nonresident youth yearly license to take a deer with a
 11 shotgun, muzzle loading gun, or rifle, twenty-four dollars (\$24).
 12 The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 13 (30) A nonresident youth yearly license to take a deer with a
 14 muzzle loading gun, twenty-four dollars (\$24). The applicant
 15 must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 16 (31) A nonresident youth yearly license to take a deer with a:
 17 (A) bow and arrow; or
 18 (B) crossbow and bolt;
 19 twenty-four dollars (\$24). The applicant must be less than
 20 eighteen (18) years of age.
 21 (32) A nonresident youth license to take an extra deer by a means,
 22 in a location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by
 23 the department under IC 4-22-2, twenty-four dollars (\$24). The
 24 applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 25 (33) A resident senior yearly license to fish, three dollars (\$3).
 26 This license is subject to the following:
 27 (A) An applicant must be at least sixty-four (64) years of age
 28 and born after March 31, 1943.
 29 (B) The license is in lieu of the resident yearly license to fish
 30 and all other yearly licenses, stamps, or permits to fish for a
 31 specific species or by a specific means.
 32 (34) A resident senior "fish for life" license, seventeen dollars
 33 (\$17). This license is subject to the following:
 34 (A) An applicant must be at least sixty-four (64) years of age.
 35 (B) The license applies each year for the remainder of the
 36 license holder's life.
 37 (C) The license is in lieu of the resident senior yearly license
 38 to fish and all other yearly licenses, stamps, or permits to fish
 39 for a specific species or by a specific means.
 40 (35) A voluntary resident senior yearly license to fish, three
 41 dollars (\$3). This license is subject to the following:
 42 (A) An applicant must have been born before April 1, 1943.



1 (B) The license is instead of the resident yearly license to fish
2 and all other yearly licenses, stamps, and permits to fish for a
3 specific species or by a specific means.

4 **(b) A resident who is at least sixty-four (64) years of age may**
5 **purchase a yearly license, other than a fishing or trapping license,**
6 **issued under this section at a fee equal to fifty percent (50%) of the**
7 **current fee set for the license under this section.**

8 ~~(b)~~ (c) The commission may set license fees to hunt, trap, or fish
9 above the minimum fees established under subsection (a).

10 ~~(c)~~ (d) In addition to the license fees set under this section, the
11 department shall establish a procedure to collect voluntary donations
12 for processing wild game when a hunting license is sold. The minimum
13 suggested donation must be one dollar (\$1). The money collected under
14 this section shall be deposited in the Indiana sportsmen's benevolence
15 account (IC 14-9-5-4).

