



February 15, 2024

ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL No. 241

DIGEST OF SB 241 (Updated February 14, 2024 12:36 pm - DI 148)

Citations Affected: IC 14-22.

Synopsis: Taking bobcats. Requires the department of natural resources to establish and implement a season to take bobcats not later than July 1, 2025.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

**Baldwin, Crider, Garten, Messmer,
Johnson T, Byrne**

(HOUSE SPONSORS — LINDAUER, BAIRD, PRESCOTT, BARTELS)

January 10, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 22, 2024, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 25, 2024, read second time, ordered engrossed.
January 26, 2024, engrossed.
January 29, 2024, read third time, passed. Yeas 40, nays 9.

HOUSE ACTION

February 6, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 15, 2024, reported — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 14-22-6-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2024]: **Sec. 17. (a) A person shall obtain a license to take a bobcat
4 under IC 14-22-12-1 to participate in the season to take a bobcat
5 under subsection (b).**

6 **(b) The director shall, not later than July 1, 2025, adopt rules to
7 establish a season to take a bobcat.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 14-22-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2022,
9 SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
10 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 1. (a) The department may issue the following
11 licenses individually or in combination and, except as provided in
12 section 1.5 of this chapter and subject to subsection (b), shall charge
13 the following minimum license fees to hunt, trap, or fish in Indiana:

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

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

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- 1 (3) A resident yearly license to hunt and fish, thirteen dollars and
2 seventy-five cents (\$13.75).
- 3 (4) A resident yearly license to trap, eight dollars and seventy-five
4 cents (\$8.75).
- 5 (5) A nonresident yearly license to fish, twenty-four dollars and
6 seventy-five cents (\$24.75).
- 7 (6) A nonresident yearly license to hunt, sixty dollars and
8 seventy-five cents (\$60.75).
- 9 (7) A nonresident yearly license to trap, one hundred seventeen
10 dollars and seventy-five cents (\$117.75).
- 11 (8) A resident or nonresident license to fish, including for trout
12 and salmon, for one (1) day only, four dollars and seventy-five
13 cents (\$4.75).
- 14 (9) A nonresident license to fish, excluding for trout and salmon,
15 for seven (7) days only, twelve dollars and seventy-five cents
16 (\$12.75).
- 17 (10) A nonresident license to hunt for five (5) consecutive days
18 only, twenty-five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$25.75).
- 19 (11) A resident or nonresident yearly electronically generated
20 stamp to fish for trout and salmon, six dollars and seventy-five
21 cents (\$6.75).
- 22 (12) A resident yearly license to take a deer with a shotgun,
23 muzzle loading gun, rifle, or handgun, thirteen dollars and
24 seventy-five cents (\$13.75).
- 25 (13) A resident yearly license to take a deer with a muzzle loading
26 gun, thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$13.75).
- 27 (14) A resident yearly license to take a deer with a:
28 (A) bow and arrow; or
29 (B) crossbow and bolt;
30 thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$13.75).
- 31 (15) A nonresident yearly license to take a deer with a shotgun,
32 muzzle loading gun, rifle, or handgun, one hundred twenty dollars
33 and seventy-five cents (\$120.75).
- 34 (16) A nonresident yearly license to take a deer with a muzzle
35 loading gun, one hundred twenty dollars and seventy-five cents
36 (\$120.75).
- 37 (17) A nonresident yearly license to take a deer with a:
38 (A) bow and arrow; or
39 (B) crossbow and bolt;
40 one hundred twenty dollars and seventy-five cents (\$120.75).
- 41 (18) A resident license to take an extra deer by a means, in a
42 location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the



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



- 1 (31) A nonresident youth yearly license to take a deer with a:
 2 (A) bow and arrow; or
 3 (B) crossbow and bolt;
 4 twenty-four dollars (\$24). The applicant must be less than
 5 eighteen (18) years of age.
 6 (32) A nonresident youth license to take an extra deer by a means,
 7 in a location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by
 8 the department under IC 4-22-2, twenty-four dollars (\$24). The
 9 applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.
 10 (33) A resident senior yearly license to fish, three dollars (\$3).
 11 This license is subject to the following:
 12 (A) An applicant must be at least sixty-four (64) years of age
 13 and born after March 31, 1943.
 14 (B) The license is in lieu of the resident yearly license to fish
 15 and all other yearly licenses, stamps, or permits to fish for a
 16 specific species or by a specific means.
 17 (34) A resident senior "fish for life" license, seventeen dollars
 18 (\$17). This license is subject to the following:
 19 (A) An applicant must be at least sixty-four (64) years of age.
 20 (B) The license applies each year for the remainder of the
 21 license holder's life.
 22 (C) The license is in lieu of the resident senior yearly license
 23 to fish and all other yearly licenses, stamps, or permits to fish
 24 for a specific species or by a specific means.
 25 (35) A voluntary resident senior yearly license to fish, three
 26 dollars (\$3). This license is subject to the following:
 27 (A) An applicant must have been born before April 1, 1943.
 28 (B) The license is instead of the resident yearly license to fish
 29 and all other yearly licenses, stamps, and permits to fish for a
 30 specific species or by a specific means.
 31 **(36) A resident license to take a bobcat, fifteen dollars (\$15).**
 32 **(37) A nonresident youth license to take a bobcat, twenty-four**
 33 **dollars (\$24).**
 34 **(38) A nonresident license to take a bobcat, one hundred**
 35 **twenty dollars (\$120).**
 36 (b) The commission may set license fees to hunt, trap, or fish above
 37 the minimum fees established under subsection (a).
 38 (c) In addition to the license fees set under this section, the
 39 department shall establish a procedure to collect voluntary donations
 40 for processing wild game when a hunting license is sold. The minimum
 41 suggested donation must be one dollar (\$1). The money collected under
 42 this section shall be deposited in the Indiana sportsmen's benevolence



1 account (IC 14-9-5-4).



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 241, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 241 as introduced.)

GLICK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Bill 241, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 241 as printed January 23, 2024.)

LINDAUER

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 1

