

1 AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 150.170 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Except as provided in the following subsections of this section, and subject to  
5 administrative regulations promulgated under this chapter, no person, resident, or  
6 nonresident shall do any act authorized by any kind of license or permit or assist in  
7 any way any person in doing any act provided for in this chapter with respect to  
8 wildlife unless he holds the kind of license or permit, resident or nonresident, that  
9 authorizes the act. It shall be the specific purpose of this chapter to prohibit the  
10 taking or pursuing of any wildlife, protected or unprotected, or the fishing in any  
11 stream or body of water whether public or private, without first procuring the  
12 license provided for in KRS 150.175, except to the extent as may be otherwise  
13 provided in this section.
- 14 (2) A person under sixteen (16) years of age may, without a sport fishing license, take  
15 fish by angling, or take minnows by the use of a minnow seine, minnow trap, or dip  
16 net.
- 17 (3) A person under twelve (12) years of age shall be exempt from being required to  
18 obtain a sport hunting or sport trapping license as required by this chapter.
- 19 (4) The resident owner of farmlands or his or her spouse or dependent children shall,  
20 without procuring any sport hunting or sport fishing licenses, have the right to take  
21 fish or hunt during the open season, except trapping, on the farmlands of which they  
22 are bona fide owners. Tenants or their dependent children residing upon these  
23 farmlands shall have the same privilege.
- 24 (5) Residents or nonresidents observing and participating in field trials, training  
25 exercises, or other competitions as authorized by the department may observe and  
26 participate without obtaining a hunting or guide's license so long as game is not  
27 taken.

- 1 (6) Any resident serviceman on furlough of more than three (3) days in this state may,  
2 without any Kentucky sport hunting or sport fishing licenses, do any act authorized  
3 by the licenses, but while so doing he shall carry on his person proper identification  
4 and papers showing his furlough status.
- 5 (7) Landowners, their spouses or dependent children, or their designee who must be  
6 approved by the commissioner, who kill or trap on their lands any wildlife causing  
7 damage to the lands or any personal property situated thereon shall not be required  
8 to have a hunting or trapping license and may do so during periods other than the  
9 open season for the particular species without a tag and dispose of the carcass on-  
10 site. Tenants, their spouses, their dependent children, or other persons approved by  
11 the commissioner, shall also have the same privilege. Upon destruction of any  
12 wildlife by the above-specified individuals, the act shall be reported to a  
13 conservation officer within twenty-four (24) hours of the kill. Individuals wishing to  
14 transport the carcass from the property upon which it was killed shall contact  
15 personnel of the department to request a disposal tag or other authorization. Inedible  
16 parts from wildlife taken under the authorization of this section shall not be utilized  
17 for any purpose and shall be destroyed or left afield. The department shall  
18 promulgate administrative regulations establishing procedures for the designee  
19 appointment process, including request and approval deadlines.
- 20 (8) If a reciprocal agreement is entered into by the commissioner, with the approval of  
21 the commission, and promulgated as an administrative regulation by the department  
22 and similar action is taken by the appropriate authority in Missouri, Tennessee,  
23 Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, or Illinois, persons holding a resident or  
24 nonresident fishing or a resident or nonresident hunting license issued in these states  
25 shall be permitted to perform the acts authorized by the license upon certain  
26 contiguous waters and land areas adjacent to the common boundaries of the above-  
27 mentioned states and the State of Kentucky. A resident of the State of Kentucky

1 shall purchase a proper Kentucky license to conform with the reciprocal agreement.  
 2 (9) Any member of the Kentucky Army or Air National Guard, active duty or Reserve  
 3 Component, in any branch in the United States Armed Forces that is based in the  
 4 Commonwealth of Kentucky, shall have the right to take fish or hunt on any  
 5 military property belonging to the Commonwealth without procuring any sport  
 6 hunting or sport fishing license.

7 **(10) A person may, without any Kentucky sport hunting or sport fishing licenses, do**  
 8 **any act authorized by the licenses if the person is:**

9 **(a) An American veteran at least fifty percent (50%) disabled as a result of a**  
 10 **service-connected disability; or**

11 **(b) Declared permanently and totally disabled by the federal Social Security**  
 12 **Administration, the United States Office of Personnel Management, the**  
 13 **Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, the Department of Workers' Claims**  
 14 **or its equivalent from another state, or the United States Railroad**  
 15 **Retirement Board.**

16 **A person who is license-exempt under this subsection shall carry proof of**  
 17 **disability, as the department may require by administrative regulation, on his or**  
 18 **her person while performing an act for which he or she is license-exempt.**

19 ➔Section 2. KRS 150.175 is amended to read as follows:

20 The kinds of licenses and tags authorized by this chapter, and the acts authorized to be  
 21 performed under the licenses and tags, subject to the other provisions of this chapter and  
 22 subject to administrative regulations promulgated under this chapter, shall be as follows:

23 (1) Statewide resident sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to take fishes  
 24 by angling, or take crayfish by a minnow seine, or by hand, to take minnows by the  
 25 use of a minnow seine, minnow trap, or dip net, or to take fishes by grabbing,  
 26 gigging, snagging, snaring, jugging, and bow and arrow, and to take frogs and  
 27 turtles from any waters in any county of this state open for such purposes and

- 1 subject to the limitations in this chapter and additional limitations that the  
2 department may from time to time prescribe. This license shall not authorize the  
3 holder to sell fish;
- 4 (2) A short-term sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to perform all acts  
5 authorized by a statewide sport fishing license and subject to the same limitations or  
6 prescribed administrative regulations. This license shall not authorize the holder to  
7 sell fish;
- 8 (3) A resident commercial fishing license and a nonresident commercial fishing license,  
9 which authorize a holder to perform any act authorized by a sport fishing license  
10 and to take rough fishes from the waters of the state by the use of commercial  
11 fishing gear as prescribed by administrative regulation. The license shall also  
12 authorize the holder to sell rough fishes, other than those protected by  
13 administrative regulation;
- 14 (4) A commercial fishing gear tag, which shall be attached to each piece of commercial  
15 fishing gear including hoop nets, slat traps, trotline, wing nets, and to each one  
16 hundred (100) feet of linear gear or portion thereof in use, including commercial  
17 seines, gill nets, or trammel nets. Commercial gear tags may be issued only to a  
18 person holding a resident or nonresident commercial fishing license;
- 19 (5) Live fish and bait dealer's licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the  
20 holder to sell bait and live fish as may be prescribed by administrative regulation;
- 21 (6) Musseling licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to take  
22 mussels for commercial purposes as may be prescribed by administrative regulation;
- 23 (7) A statewide resident hunting license, which authorizes the holder to take or pursue  
24 wild animals, wild birds, frogs, and turtles with gun, bow and arrow, dog, or falcon,  
25 or to participate in a fox-hunting party engaged in the hunting or pursuing of foxes  
26 with dogs for sport, according to the provisions of the laws and administrative  
27 regulations of the department;

- 1 (8) A junior statewide hunting license, which may be issued to a person before he or  
2 she has reached his or her sixteenth birthday, and which authorizes the holder to  
3 exercise all the privileges authorized by a statewide hunting license. No junior  
4 hunting license shall be issued without the written permission of parent, guardian,  
5 or person having custody of the person under sixteen (16) years of age;
- 6 (9) Trapping licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to take wild  
7 animals by trapping upon his or her own lands or upon the lands of another person,  
8 if the holder of the license has first obtained oral or written consent as provided in  
9 KRS 150.092 and administrative regulation;
- 10 (10) A taxidermist license, which authorizes the holder to engage in the act of preparing,  
11 stuffing, and mounting the skins of wildlife;
- 12 (11) A commercial guide's license, which authorizes the holder to guide hunting and  
13 fishing parties according to the provisions of the laws and administrative  
14 regulations of the department;
- 15 (12) Fur buyer's licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to buy  
16 raw furs from licensed trappers and hunters and to sell raw furs so purchased.  
17 Applicants for the license shall state the number of premises to be used and shall  
18 display at each a copy of the license as furnished by the department, except that the  
19 commissioner may limit the number of copies furnished and may revoke the license  
20 for violation;
- 21 (13) A fur processor's license, which may be issued only to a resident, a partnership,  
22 firm, or corporation of this state and which authorizes the holder to buy raw furs  
23 when in legal possession for processing, manufacture, or retention in cold storage or  
24 for resale;
- 25 (14) A nonresident sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to perform any act  
26 authorized by a resident statewide sport fishing license. This license shall not  
27 authorize the holder to sell fish;

- 1 (15) A nonresident annual hunting license, which authorizes the holder to perform any  
2 act authorized by a resident statewide hunting license;
- 3 (16) Shoot-to-retrieve field trial permits, four (4) day and single day, which authorize a  
4 permit holder to conduct a shoot-to-retrieve field trial on private or government-  
5 owned lands. With a four (4) day permit, all participants, whether residents or  
6 nonresidents, shall not be required to possess any other license to participate in the  
7 permitted field trial, and the permit shall expire four (4) days after the date on which  
8 the field trial began. With the single day permit, the permit is valid for one (1) day  
9 and all participants shall have a valid resident or nonresident annual Kentucky  
10 hunting license. A permit is not required to conduct a shoot-to-retrieve field trial on  
11 a licensed shooting preserve; however, all participants that take or attempt to take  
12 game shall have in their possession a resident or nonresident annual Kentucky  
13 hunting license;
- 14 (17) Game permits and junior game permits, which, in combination with a valid  
15 statewide hunting license or a valid junior statewide hunting license, authorize the  
16 holder to take or pursue the specified game species in any designated open area of  
17 this state, during the open season and according to the provisions of the laws and  
18 administrative regulations governing the hunting;
- 19 (18) A combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes only resident holders  
20 to perform all acts valid under either a sport fishing or hunting license;
- 21 (19) A trout permit, which in combination with a valid statewide fishing license,  
22 authorizes the holder to take trout by angling or as may be prescribed by  
23 administrative regulation;
- 24 (20) A commercial waterfowl permit, which authorizes the holder to establish and  
25 operate a commercial waterfowl hunting preserve;
- 26 (21) A short-term hunting license, which authorizes the holder to perform all acts  
27 authorized by a statewide hunting license according to the provisions of the laws

1 and administrative regulations of the department;

2 (22) A joint statewide resident sport fishing license issued to a husband and wife which  
3 authorizes them to take fish as provided in subsection (1) of this section. The  
4 license fee for this joint license shall be ten percent (10%) less than the license fee  
5 set by the commission for two (2) statewide resident sport fishing licenses;

6 (23) A Kentucky migratory bird permit, which in combination with a valid statewide  
7 hunting license and compliance with applicable federal law, authorizes the holder to  
8 take or pursue waterfowl and migratory shore or upland game birds;

9 (24) A pay lake license which authorizes the holder to operate privately owned  
10 impounded waters for fishing purposes for which a fee is charged;

11 (25) A senior combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes the holder to  
12 perform all acts valid under a sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, or a state  
13 permit to take deer, turkey, trout, waterfowl, or migratory shore or upland game  
14 birds, and which shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is sixty-five (65)  
15 years of age or older.

16 The senior combination license shall not be valid unless the holder carries proof of  
17 residency and proof of age, as the department may require by administrative  
18 regulation, on his or her person while performing an act authorized by the license;

19 (26) A senior lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, which remains valid  
20 until the death of the holder and authorizes the holder to perform all acts valid under  
21 a sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, and a state permit to take deer,  
22 turkey, trout, waterfowl, and migratory shore and upland game birds, and which  
23 shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older;

24 (27) A disabled~~[combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes the holder to~~  
25 ~~perform all acts valid under a sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, and a]~~  
26 state permit to take deer, turkey, trout, waterfowl, and migratory shore and upland  
27 game birds, and which shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is:

- 1 (a) An American veteran at least fifty percent (50%) disabled as a result of a  
2 service-connected disability; or
- 3 (b) Declared permanently and totally disabled by the federal Social Security  
4 Administration, the United States Office of Personnel Management, the  
5 Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, the Department of Workers' Claims  
6 or its equivalent from another state, or the United States Railroad Retirement  
7 Board.

8 The disabled state permit~~combination license~~ shall not be valid unless the holder  
9 carries proof of residency and proof of disability, as the department may require by  
10 administrative regulation, on his or her person while performing an act authorized  
11 by the permit~~license~~;

12 (28) A sportsman's license for residents that includes an annual hunting and fishing  
13 license and such permits as allowed by administrative regulations promulgated by  
14 the department; and

15 (29) A special license for residents and nonresidents for the purpose of hunting on  
16 licensed shooting areas. This license shall be valid only for the shooting areas for  
17 which it was issued and shall remain in effect for one (1) year. If the hunter holds  
18 either a nonresident or resident statewide hunting license for the current year, the  
19 special license shall not be required.

20 The department may offer multiyear licenses or permits for any of the annual licenses or  
21 permits authorized in subsections (1), (7), (9), (14), (15), (17), (18), (19), (23), and (28) of  
22 this section. A multiyear license or permit shall authorize the holder to perform all acts  
23 authorized by the same license or permit if purchased annually and shall be issued in  
24 accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the administrative regulations  
25 promulgated hereunder. Any multiyear licenses or permits offered by the department  
26 relating to the annual licenses or permits authorized in subsections (1), (7), (9), (14), (15),  
27 (17), (18), (19), (23), and (28) of this section shall be implemented by administrative



1 regulation and may be discontinued at any time.