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A BILL

To amend sections 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1
1533.112, 1533.12, 1533.32, and 1533.81 of the 2
Revised Code to allow a landowner's 3
grandchildren of any age to hunt or fish on the 4
landowner's property without obtaining a hunting 5
license, deer permit, wild turkey permit, fur 6
taker permit, fishing license, or waterfowl 7
hunting permit, and to allow certain partially 8
disabled veterans to receive a free license, 9
permit, or wetlands habitat stamp. 10

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 11
1533.112, 1533.12, 1533.32, and 1533.81 of the Revised Code be 12
amended to read as follows: 13

Sec. 1533.10. Except as provided in this section or 14
division (A) (2) of section 1533.12 or section 1533.73 or 15
1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt any wild bird 16
or wild quadruped without a hunting license. Each day that any 17

person hunts within the state without procuring such a license 18
constitutes a separate offense. Except as otherwise provided in 19
this section, every applicant for a hunting license who is a 20
resident of the state and eighteen years of age or more shall 21
procure a resident hunting license or an apprentice resident 22
hunting license, the fee for which shall be eighteen dollars 23
unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 24
of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a resident hunting 25
license to the applicant free of charge. Except as provided in 26
rules adopted under division (B) (2) of that section, each 27
applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the time of 28
application is sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a 29
special senior hunting license, the fee for which shall be one- 30
half of the regular hunting license fee. Every applicant who is 31
under the age of eighteen years shall procure a special youth 32
hunting license or an apprentice youth hunting license, the fee 33
for which shall be one-half of the regular hunting license fee. 34

A resident of this state who owns lands in the state and 35
the owner's children of any age and grandchildren ~~under eighteen~~ 36
~~years of any age~~ may hunt on the lands without a hunting 37
license. A resident of any other state who owns real property in 38
this state, and the spouse ~~and~~, children, and grandchildren 39
living with the property owner, may hunt on that property 40
without a license, provided that the state of residence of the 41
real property owner allows residents of this state owning real 42
property in that state, and the spouse ~~and~~, children, and 43
grandchildren living with the property owner, to hunt without a 44
license. If the owner of land in this state is a limited 45
liability company or a limited liability partnership that 46
consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, as 47
applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident of 48

this state and the member's or partner's children of any age and 49
grandchildren ~~under eighteen years of~~ any age may hunt on the 50
land owned by the limited liability company or limited liability 51
partnership without a hunting license. In addition, if the owner 52
of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or 53
fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee 54
or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the 55
individual's children of any age and grandchildren ~~under~~ 56
~~eighteen years of~~ any age may hunt on the land owned by the 57
trust without a hunting license. The tenant and children and 58
grandchildren of the tenant, residing on lands in the state, may 59
hunt on them without a hunting license. 60

Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1) of section 61
1533.12 of the Revised Code, every applicant for a hunting 62
license who is a nonresident of the state and who is eighteen 63
years of age or older shall procure a nonresident hunting 64
license or an apprentice nonresident hunting license, the fee 65
for which shall be one hundred twenty-four dollars unless the 66
applicant is a resident of a state that is a party to an 67
agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code, in which 68
case the fee shall be eighteen dollars. Apprentice resident 69
hunting licenses, apprentice youth hunting licenses, and 70
apprentice nonresident hunting licenses are subject to the 71
requirements established under section 1533.102 of the Revised 72
Code and rules adopted pursuant to it. 73

The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a small 74
game hunting license expiring three days from the effective date 75
of the license to a nonresident of the state, the fee for which 76
shall be thirty-nine dollars. No person shall take or possess 77
deer, wild turkeys, fur-bearing animals, ducks, geese, brant, or 78
any nongame animal while possessing only a small game hunting 79

license. A small game hunting license or an apprentice 80
nonresident hunting license does not authorize the taking or 81
possessing of ducks, geese, or brant without having obtained, in 82
addition to the small game hunting license or the apprentice 83
nonresident hunting license, a wetlands habitat stamp as 84
provided in section 1533.112 of the Revised Code. A small game 85
hunting license or an apprentice nonresident hunting license 86
does not authorize the taking or possessing of deer, wild 87
turkeys, or fur-bearing animals. A nonresident of the state who 88
wishes to take or possess deer, wild turkeys, or fur-bearing 89
animals in this state shall procure, respectively, a deer or 90
wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the Revised 91
Code or a fur taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of 92
the Revised Code in addition to a nonresident hunting license, 93
an apprentice nonresident hunting license, a special youth 94
hunting license, or an apprentice youth hunting license, as 95
applicable, as provided in this section. 96

No person shall procure or attempt to procure a hunting 97
license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any false 98
statement. 99

This section does not authorize the taking and possessing 100
of deer or wild turkeys without first having obtained, in 101
addition to the hunting license required by this section, a deer 102
or wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the 103
Revised Code or the taking and possessing of ducks, geese, or 104
brant without first having obtained, in addition to the hunting 105
license required by this section, a wetlands habitat stamp as 106
provided in section 1533.112 of the Revised Code. 107

This section does not authorize the hunting or trapping of 108
fur-bearing animals without first having obtained, in addition 109

to a hunting license required by this section, a fur taker 110
permit as provided in section 1533.111 of the Revised Code. 111

No hunting license shall be issued unless it is 112
accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section 113
1533.17 of the Revised Code and the penalty for its violation, 114
including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that 115
may be imposed. 116

No hunting license, other than an apprentice hunting 117
license, shall be issued unless the applicant presents to the 118
agent authorized to issue the license a previously held hunting 119
license or evidence of having held such a license in content and 120
manner approved by the chief, a certificate of completion issued 121
upon completion of a hunter education and conservation course 122
approved by the chief, or evidence of equivalent training in 123
content and manner approved by the chief. A previously held 124
apprentice hunting license does not satisfy the requirement 125
concerning the presentation of a previously held hunting license 126
or evidence of it. 127

No person shall issue a hunting license, except an 128
apprentice hunting license, to any person who fails to present 129
the evidence required by this section. No person shall purchase 130
or obtain a hunting license, other than an apprentice hunting 131
license, without presenting to the issuing agent the evidence 132
required by this section. Issuance of a hunting license in 133
violation of the requirements of this section is an offense by 134
both the purchaser of the illegally obtained hunting license and 135
the clerk or agent who issued the hunting license. Any hunting 136
license issued in violation of this section is void. 137

The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, shall 138
adopt rules prescribing a hunter education and conservation 139

course for first-time hunting license buyers, other than buyers 140
of apprentice hunting licenses, and for volunteer instructors. 141
The course shall consist of subjects including, but not limited 142
to, hunter safety and health, use of hunting implements, hunting 143
tradition and ethics, the hunter and conservation, the law in 144
section 1533.17 of the Revised Code along with the penalty for 145
its violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment 146
and fines that may be imposed, and other law relating to 147
hunting. Authorized personnel of the division or volunteer 148
instructors approved by the chief shall conduct such courses 149
with such frequency and at such locations throughout the state 150
as to reasonably meet the needs of license applicants. The chief 151
shall issue a certificate of completion to each person who 152
successfully completes the course and passes an examination 153
prescribed by the chief. 154

Sec. 1533.11. (A) Except as provided in this section or 155
section 1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt deer 156
on lands of another without first obtaining an annual deer 157
permit. Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt 158
wild turkeys on lands of another without first obtaining an 159
annual wild turkey permit. Each applicant for a deer or wild 160
turkey permit shall pay an annual fee of twenty-three dollars 161
for each permit ~~unless the~~ except as provided in rules adopted 162
under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code 163
~~provide for issuance of a deer or wild turkey permit to the~~ 164
~~applicant free of charge.~~ Except as provided in rules adopted 165
under division (B) (2) of that section, each applicant who is a 166
resident of this state and who at the time of application is 167
sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a senior deer or 168
wild turkey permit, the fee for which shall be one-half of the 169
regular deer or wild turkey permit fee. Each applicant who is 170

under the age of eighteen years shall procure a youth deer or 171
wild turkey permit, the fee for which shall be one-half of the 172
regular deer or wild turkey permit fee. Except as provided in 173
division (A) (2) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, a deer 174
or wild turkey permit shall run concurrently with the hunting 175
license. The money received shall be paid into the state 176
treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund, created in section 177
1531.17 of the Revised Code, exclusively for the use of the 178
division of wildlife in the acquisition and development of land 179
for deer or wild turkey management, for investigating deer or 180
wild turkey problems, and for the stocking, management, and 181
protection of deer or wild turkey. Every person, while hunting 182
deer or wild turkey on lands of another, shall carry the 183
person's deer or wild turkey permit and exhibit it to any 184
enforcement officer so requesting. Failure to so carry and 185
exhibit such a permit constitutes an offense under this section. 186
The chief of the division of wildlife shall adopt any additional 187
rules the chief considers necessary to carry out this section 188
and section 1533.10 of the Revised Code. 189

An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner who 190
is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 1533.10 191
of the Revised Code and the children and grandchildren of the 192
owner of lands in this state may hunt deer or wild turkey 193
thereon without a deer or wild turkey permit. If the owner of 194
land in this state is a limited liability company or a limited 195
liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual 196
members or partners, as applicable, an individual member or 197
partner who is a resident of this state and the member's or 198
partner's children of any age and grandchildren of any age may 199
hunt deer or wild turkey on the land owned by the limited 200
liability company or limited liability partnership without a 201

deer or wild turkey permit. In addition, if the owner of land in 202
this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer 203
trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or 204
beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the 205
individual's children of any age and grandchildren of any age 206
may hunt deer or wild turkey on the land owned by the trust 207
without a deer or wild turkey permit. The tenant and children 208
and grandchildren of the tenant may hunt deer or wild turkey on 209
lands where they reside without a deer or wild turkey permit. 210

(B) A deer or wild turkey permit is not transferable. No 211
person shall carry a deer or wild turkey permit issued in the 212
name of another person. 213

(C) The wildlife refunds fund is hereby created in the 214
state treasury. The fund shall consist of money received from 215
application fees for deer permits that are not issued. Money in 216
the fund shall be used to make refunds of such application fees. 217

(D) If the division establishes a system for the 218
electronic submission of information regarding deer or wild 219
turkey that are taken, the division shall allow the owner and 220
the children of the owner of lands in this state to use the 221
owner's name or address for purposes of submitting that 222
information electronically via that system. 223

Sec. 1533.111. Except as provided in this section or 224
division (A) (2) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, no 225
person shall hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on land of another 226
without first obtaining some type of an annual fur taker permit. 227
Each applicant for a fur taker permit or an apprentice fur taker 228
permit shall pay an annual fee of fourteen dollars for the 229
permit, except as otherwise provided in this section or ~~unless~~ 230
~~the~~ in rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of 231

the Revised Code ~~provide for issuance of a fur taker permit to~~ 232
~~the applicant free of charge.~~ Except as provided in rules 233
adopted under division (B) (2) of that section, each applicant 234
who is a resident of this state and who at the time of 235
application is sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a 236
special senior fur taker permit, the fee for which shall be one- 237
half of the regular fur taker permit fee. Each applicant under 238
the age of eighteen years shall procure a special youth fur 239
taker permit or an apprentice youth fur taker permit, the fee 240
for which shall be one-half of the regular fur taker permit fee. 241
Each type of fur taker permit shall run concurrently with the 242
hunting license. The money received shall be paid into the state 243
treasury to the credit of the fund established in section 244
1533.15 of the Revised Code. Apprentice fur taker permits and 245
apprentice youth fur taker permits are subject to the 246
requirements established under section 1533.102 of the Revised 247
Code and rules adopted pursuant to it. 248

No fur taker permit shall be issued unless it is 249
accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section 250
1533.17 of the Revised Code and the penalty for its violation, 251
including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that 252
may be imposed. 253

No fur taker permit, other than an apprentice fur taker 254
permit or an apprentice youth fur taker permit, shall be issued 255
unless the applicant presents to the agent authorized to issue a 256
fur taker permit a previously held hunting license or trapping 257
or fur taker permit or evidence of having held such a license or 258
permit in content and manner approved by the chief of the 259
division of wildlife, a certificate of completion issued upon 260
completion of a trapper education course approved by the chief, 261
or evidence of equivalent training in content and manner 262

approved by the chief. A previously held apprentice hunting 263
license, apprentice fur taker permit, or apprentice youth fur 264
taker permit does not satisfy the requirement concerning the 265
presentation of a previously held hunting license or fur taker 266
permit or evidence of such a license or permit. 267

No person shall issue a fur taker permit, other than an 268
apprentice fur taker permit or an apprentice youth fur taker 269
permit, to any person who fails to present the evidence required 270
by this section. No person shall purchase or obtain a fur taker 271
permit, other than an apprentice fur taker permit or an 272
apprentice youth fur taker permit, without presenting to the 273
issuing agent the evidence required by this section. Issuance of 274
a fur taker permit in violation of the requirements of this 275
section is an offense by both the purchaser of the illegally 276
obtained permit and the clerk or agent who issued the permit. 277
Any fur taker permit issued in violation of this section is 278
void. 279

The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, shall 280
adopt rules prescribing a trapper education course for first- 281
time fur taker permit buyers, other than buyers of apprentice 282
fur taker permits or apprentice youth fur taker permits, and for 283
volunteer instructors. The course shall consist of subjects that 284
include, but are not limited to, trapping techniques, animal 285
habits and identification, trapping tradition and ethics, the 286
trapper and conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the 287
Revised Code along with the penalty for its violation, including 288
a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be 289
imposed, and other law relating to trapping. Authorized 290
personnel of the division of wildlife or volunteer instructors 291
approved by the chief shall conduct the courses with such 292
frequency and at such locations throughout the state as to 293

reasonably meet the needs of permit applicants. The chief shall 294
issue a certificate of completion to each person who 295
successfully completes the course and passes an examination 296
prescribed by the chief. 297

Every person, while hunting or trapping fur-bearing 298
animals on lands of another, shall carry the person's fur taker 299
permit with the person's signature written on the permit. 300
Failure to carry such a signed permit constitutes an offense 301
under this section. The chief shall adopt any additional rules 302
the chief considers necessary to carry out this section. 303

An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner who 304
is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 1533.10 305
of the Revised Code and the children and grandchildren of the 306
owner of lands in this state may hunt or trap fur-bearing 307
animals thereon without a fur taker permit. If the owner of land 308
in this state is a limited liability company or a limited 309
liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual 310
members or partners, as applicable, an individual member or 311
partner who is a resident of this state and the member's or 312
partner's children of any age and grandchildren of any age may 313
hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on the land owned by the 314
limited liability company or limited liability partnership 315
without a fur taker permit. In addition, if the owner of land in 316
this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer 317
trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or 318
beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the 319
individual's children of any age and grandchildren of any age 320
may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on the land owned by the 321
trust without a fur taker permit. The tenant and children and 322
grandchildren of the tenant may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals 323
on lands where they reside without a fur taker permit. 324

A fur taker permit is not transferable. No person shall 325
carry a fur taker permit issued in the name of another person. 326

A fur taker permit entitles a nonresident to take from 327
this state fur-bearing animals taken and possessed by the 328
nonresident as provided by law or division rule. 329

Sec. 1533.112. Except as provided in this section or 330
unless otherwise provided by division rule, no person shall hunt 331
ducks, geese, or brant on the lands of another without first 332
obtaining an annual wetlands habitat stamp. The annual fee for 333
the wetlands habitat stamp shall be fourteen dollars for each 334
stamp ~~unless the~~ except as provided in rules adopted under 335
division (B) of section 1533.12 ~~provide for issuance of a~~ 336
~~wetlands habitat stamp to the applicant free of charge of the~~ 337
Revised Code. 338

Moneys received from the stamp fee shall be paid into the 339
state treasury to the credit of the wetlands habitat fund, which 340
is hereby established. Moneys shall be paid from the fund on the 341
order of the director of natural resources for the following 342
purposes: 343

(A) Sixty per cent for projects that the division approves 344
for the acquisition, development, management, or preservation of 345
waterfowl areas within the state; 346

(B) Forty per cent for contribution by the division to an 347
appropriate nonprofit organization for the acquisition, 348
development, management, or preservation of lands and waters 349
within the United States or Canada that provide or will provide 350
habitat for waterfowl with migration routes that cross this 351
state. 352

No moneys derived from the issuance of wetlands habitat 353

stamps shall be spent for purposes other than those specified by 354
this section. All investment earnings of the fund shall be 355
credited to the fund. 356

Wetlands habitat stamps shall be furnished by and in a 357
form prescribed by the chief of the division of wildlife and 358
issued by clerks and other agents authorized to issue licenses 359
and permits under section 1533.13 of the Revised Code. The 360
record of stamps kept by the clerks and other agents shall be 361
uniform throughout the state, in such form or manner as the 362
director prescribes, and open at all reasonable hours to the 363
inspection of any person. Unless otherwise provided by rule, 364
each stamp shall remain in force until midnight of the thirty- 365
first day of August next ensuing. Wetlands habitat stamps may be 366
issued in any manner to any person on any date, whether or not 367
that date is within the period in which they are effective. 368

Every person to whom this section applies, while hunting 369
ducks, geese, or brant, shall carry an unexpired wetlands 370
habitat stamp that is validated by the person's signature 371
written on the stamp in ink and shall exhibit the stamp to any 372
enforcement officer so requesting. No person shall fail to carry 373
and exhibit the person's stamp. 374

A wetlands habitat stamp is not transferable. 375

The chief shall establish a procedure to obtain subject 376
matter to be printed on the wetlands habitat stamp and shall 377
use, dispose of, or distribute the subject matter as the chief 378
considers necessary. The chief also shall adopt rules necessary 379
to administer this section. 380

This section does not apply to persons under sixteen years 381
of age nor to persons exempted from procuring a hunting license 382

under section 1533.10 or division (A) (2) of section 1533.12 of 383
the Revised Code. 384

Sec. 1533.12. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in 385
division (A) (2) of this section, every person on active duty in 386
the armed forces of the United States who is stationed in this 387
state and who wishes to engage in an activity for which a 388
license, permit, or stamp is required under this chapter first 389
shall obtain the requisite license, permit, or stamp. Such a 390
person is eligible to obtain a resident hunting or fishing 391
license regardless of whether the person qualifies as a resident 392
of this state. To obtain a resident hunting or fishing license, 393
the person shall present a card or other evidence identifying 394
the person as being on active duty in the armed forces of the 395
United States and as being stationed in this state. 396

(2) Every person on active duty in the armed forces of the 397
United States, while on leave or furlough, may take or catch 398
fish of the kind lawfully permitted to be taken or caught within 399
the state, may hunt any wild bird or wild quadruped lawfully 400
permitted to be hunted within the state, and may trap fur- 401
bearing animals lawfully permitted to be trapped within the 402
state, without procuring a fishing license, a hunting license, a 403
fur taker permit, or a wetlands habitat stamp required by this 404
chapter, provided that the person shall carry on the person when 405
fishing, hunting, or trapping, a card or other evidence 406
identifying the person as being on active duty in the armed 407
forces of the United States, and provided that the person is not 408
otherwise violating any of the hunting, fishing, and trapping 409
laws of this state. 410

In order to hunt deer or wild turkey, any such person 411
shall obtain a deer or wild turkey permit, as applicable, under 412

section 1533.11 of the Revised Code. However, the person need 413
not obtain a hunting license in order to obtain such a permit. 414

(B) The chief of the division of wildlife shall provide by 415
rule adopted under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code all of 416
the following: 417

(1) Every resident of this state with a disability that 418
has been determined by the veterans administration to be 419
permanently and totally disabling, who receives a pension or 420
compensation from the veterans administration, and who received 421
an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United 422
States, ~~and~~; every veteran to whom the registrar of motor 423
vehicles has issued a set of license plates under section 424
4503.41 of the Revised Code, and a partially disabled veteran 425
shall be issued a fishing license, hunting license, fur taker 426
permit, deer or wild turkey permit, or wetlands habitat stamp, 427
or any combination of those licenses, permits, and stamp, free 428
of charge on an annual, multi-year, or lifetime basis as 429
determined appropriate by the chief when application is made to 430
the chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by 431
the chief. 432

As used in division (B)(1) of this section, "partially 433
disabled veteran" means a resident of this state who is a 434
veteran of the armed forces of the United States, including 435
reserve components thereof, or of the national guard, who has 436
been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces 437
under honorable conditions, and who has received a schedule 438
rating of fifty per cent or more for compensation based on 439
individual unemployability for a service-connected disability or 440
combination of service-connected disabilities as prescribed in 441
Title 38, Part 4 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended. 442

(2) Every resident of the state who was born on or before 443
December 31, 1937, shall be issued an annual fishing license, 444
hunting license, fur taker permit, deer or wild turkey permit, 445
or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of those licenses, 446
permits, and stamp, free of charge when application is made to 447
the chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by 448
the chief. 449

(3) Every resident of state or county institutions, 450
charitable institutions, and military homes in this state shall 451
be issued an annual fishing license free of charge when 452
application is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by and 453
on forms provided by the chief. 454

(4) Any mobility impaired or blind person, as defined in 455
section 955.011 of the Revised Code, who is a resident of this 456
state and who is unable to engage in fishing without the 457
assistance of another person shall be issued an annual fishing 458
license free of charge when application is made to the chief in 459
the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief. The 460
person who is assisting the mobility impaired or blind person 461
may assist in taking or catching fish of the kind permitted to 462
be taken or caught without procuring the license required under 463
section 1533.32 of the Revised Code, provided that only one line 464
is used by both persons. 465

(5) As used in division (B) (5) of this section, "prisoner 466
of war" means any regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or 467
inducted member of the military forces of the United States who 468
was captured, separated, and incarcerated by an enemy of the 469
United States. 470

Any person who has been a prisoner of war, was honorably 471
discharged from the military forces, and is a resident of this 472

state shall be issued a fishing license, hunting license, fur 473
taker permit, or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of 474
those licenses, permits, and stamp, free of charge on an annual, 475
multi-year, or lifetime basis as determined appropriate by the 476
chief when application is made to the chief in the manner 477
prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief. 478

(C) The chief shall adopt rules pursuant to section 479
1531.08 of the Revised Code designating not more than two days, 480
which need not be consecutive, in each year as "free sport 481
fishing days" on which any resident may exercise the privileges 482
accorded the holder of a fishing license issued under section 483
1533.32 of the Revised Code without procuring such a license, 484
provided that the person is not otherwise violating any of the 485
fishing laws of this state. 486

Sec. 1533.32. Except as provided in this section or 487
division (A) (2) or (C) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, 488
no person, including nonresidents, shall take or catch any fish 489
by angling in any of the waters in the state or engage in 490
fishing in those waters without a license. No person shall take 491
or catch frogs or turtles without a valid fishing license, 492
except as provided in this section. Persons fishing in privately 493
owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs to or from which fish are not 494
accustomed to migrate are exempt from the license requirements 495
set forth in this section. Persons fishing in privately owned 496
ponds, lakes, or reservoirs that are open to public fishing 497
through an agreement or lease with the division of wildlife 498
shall comply with the license requirements set forth in this 499
section. 500

The fee for an annual license shall be thirty-nine dollars 501
for a resident of a state that is not a party to an agreement 502

under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. The fee for an annual 503
license shall be eighteen dollars for a resident of a state that 504
is a party to such an agreement. The fee for an annual license 505
for residents of this state shall be eighteen dollars ~~unless the~~ 506
except as provided in rules adopted under division (B) of 507
section 1533.12 of the Revised Code ~~provide for issuance of a~~ 508
~~resident fishing license to the applicant free of charge.~~ Except 509
as provided in rules adopted under division (B) (2) of that 510
section, each applicant who is a resident of this state and who 511
at the time of application is sixty-six years of age or older 512
shall procure a special senior fishing license, the fee for 513
which shall be one-half of the annual resident fishing license 514
fee. 515

Any person under the age of sixteen years may take or 516
catch frogs and turtles and take or catch fish by angling 517
without a license. 518

The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a 519
tourist's license expiring three days from the effective date of 520
the license to a resident of a state that is not a party to an 521
agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. The fee for 522
a tourist's license shall be eighteen dollars. 523

The chief shall adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the 524
Revised Code providing for the issuance of a one-day fishing 525
license to a resident of this state or of any other state. The 526
fee for such a license shall be fifty-five per cent of the 527
amount established under this section for a tourist's license, 528
rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. A one-day fishing 529
license shall allow the holder to take or catch fish by angling 530
in the waters in the state, engage in fishing in those waters, 531
or take or catch frogs or turtles in those waters for one day 532

without obtaining an annual license or a tourist's license under 533
this section. At the request of a holder of a one-day fishing 534
license who wishes to obtain an annual license, a clerk or agent 535
authorized to issue licenses under section 1533.13 of the 536
Revised Code, not later than the last day on which the one-day 537
license would be valid if it were an annual license, shall 538
credit the amount of the fee paid for the one-day license toward 539
the fee charged for the annual license if so authorized by the 540
chief. The clerk or agent shall issue the annual license upon 541
presentation of the one-day license and payment of a fee in an 542
amount equal to the difference between the fee for the annual 543
license and the fee for the one-day license. 544

Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each annual 545
license shall begin on the first day of March of the current 546
year and expire on the last day of February of the following 547
year. 548

No person shall alter a fishing license or possess a 549
fishing license that has been altered. 550

No person shall procure or attempt to procure a fishing 551
license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any false 552
statement. 553

A resident of this state who owns land over, through, 554
upon, or along which any water flows or stands, except where the 555
land is in or borders on state parks or state-owned lakes, 556
together with the members of the immediate families of such 557
owners, including grandchildren of any age of the owner, may 558
take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind 559
permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without procuring a 560
license provided for in this section. This exemption extends to 561
tenants actually residing upon such lands and to the members of 562

the immediate families of the tenants, including grandchildren 563
of any age of the tenants. A resident of any other state who 564
owns land in this state over, through, upon, or along which any 565
water flows or stands, except where the land is in or borders on 566
state parks or state-owned lakes, and the spouse ~~and,~~ children, 567
and grandchildren living with the owner, may take frogs and 568
turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be 569
taken or caught from that water without obtaining a license 570
under this section, provided that the state of residence of the 571
owner allows residents of this state owning real property in 572
that state, and the spouse ~~and,~~ children, and grandchildren 573
living with such a property owner, to take frogs and turtles and 574
take or catch fish without a license. If the owner of such land 575
in this state is a limited liability company or a limited 576
liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual 577
members or partners, as applicable, an individual member or 578
partner who is a resident of this state and the member's or 579
partner's children of any age and grandchildren of any age may 580
take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind 581
permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without procuring a 582
license provided for in this section. In addition, if the owner 583
of such land in this state is a trust that has a total of three 584
or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a 585
trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and 586
the individual's children of any age and grandchildren of any 587
age may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the 588
kind permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without procuring 589
a license provided for in this section. Residents of state or 590
county institutions, charitable institutions, and military homes 591
in this state may take frogs and turtles without procuring the 592
required license, provided that a member of the institution or 593
home has an identification card, which shall be carried on that 594

person when fishing. 595

Every fisher required to be licensed, while fishing or 596
taking or attempting to take frogs or turtles, shall carry the 597
license and exhibit it to any person. Failure to so carry and 598
exhibit the license constitutes an offense under this section. 599

Sec. 1533.81. Every person who owns, holds, or controls 600
land or water, within a state or federal waterfowl management 601
area, shall obtain annually a permit from the chief of the 602
division of wildlife prior to permitting the hunting or taking 603
of waterfowl on that land or water. The annual permit entitles 604
the permittee to possess or control blinds, pits, or similar 605
legal devices of concealment on the lands and waters described 606
in the application for a permit. This permit shall be designated 607
as a "waterfowl hunting area permit" and shall be displayed 608
openly at the address of the area indicated on the application 609
for a permit. All such permits shall expire each year at 610
midnight on the first day of February. 611

Qualifications and fees for the permit shall be prescribed 612
and set by the chief of the division of wildlife, with the 613
approval of the director of the department of natural resources, 614
in accordance with Chapters 119. and 1531. of the Revised Code. 615
The holders of such permits shall operate in conformity with 616
Chapter 1531. of the Revised Code or under such additional rules 617
as the chief of the division of wildlife may prescribe. 618

No person shall engage in the hunting of waterfowl on an 619
area of land or water for which a waterfowl hunting area permit 620
has been issued by the division of wildlife without the 621
permission of the person designated on the permit as the owner 622
or the person in control of the area. 623

The landowner and the children and grandchildren of the 624
owner and persons residing on lands and waters within a 625
waterfowl management area shall not be required to secure the 626
permit required by this section while the landowner and ~~his~~ the 627
landowner's children and grandchildren are hunting on lands ~~he~~ 628
the landowner owns and the other persons are hunting on lands on 629
which they reside. 630

The holder of this permit shall daily record the name of 631
each hunter and the number and kinds of waterfowl taken on the 632
area on forms provided by the division. The records shall be 633
available for inspection by an employee of the division at all 634
reasonable times and shall be forwarded to the division within 635
one week after the close of each waterfowl season or at more 636
frequent times as may be requested by the chief. Falsifying or 637
failure to submit accurate reports constitutes grounds for the 638
chief to deny future permits. 639

Section 2. That existing sections 1533.10, 1533.11, 640
1533.111, 1533.112, 1533.12, 1533.32, and 1533.81 of the Revised 641
Code are hereby repealed. 642