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Introduced by

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CHAPTER 148

AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 17 NMSA 1978 TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND VETERANS LICENSE DISCOUNTS OF FIFTY PERCENT; RECONCILING CONFLICTING AMENDMENTS TO THE SAME SECTION OF LAW IN LAWS 2011 BY REPEALING LAWS 2011, CHAPTER 25, SECTION 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 17-3-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1964 (1st S.S.), Chapter 17, Section 2, as amended by Laws 2011, Chapter 25, Section 1 and by Laws 2011, Chapter 186, Section 2) is amended to read:

"17-3-2. CLASSES OF LICENSES.---
A. As used with reference to licenses in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978:
(1) "fishing" entitles the licensee to fish for game fish during the open seasons for each species;
(2) "game hunting" entitles the licensee to hunt game birds, other than wild turkey, and squirrel during the open seasons for each and to apply for or purchase a license to hunt for deer, antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, Barbary sheep, javelina, bear, oryx, ibex, cougar and wild turkey;
(3) "deer" entitles the licensee to hunt deer during the open season;"

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(4) "antelope" entitles the licensee to hunt antelope during the open season;

(5) "elk" entitles the licensee to hunt elk during the open season;

(6) "bighorn sheep" entitles the licensee to hunt bighorn sheep during the open season;

(7) "Barbary sheep" entitles the licensee to hunt Barbary sheep during the open season;

(8) "javelina" entitles the licensee to hunt javelina during the open season;

(9) "bear" entitles the licensee to hunt bear during the open season;

(10) "nongame" entitles the licensee to hunt or take any animal or bird not protected by law;

(11) "temporary fishing" entitles the licensee to fish for game fish during a specific period of time indicated on the license;

(12) "oryx" entitles the licensee to hunt oryx during the open season;

(13) "ibex" entitles the licensee to hunt ibex during the open season;

(14) "cougar" entitles the licensee to hunt cougar during the open season;

(15) "turkey" entitles the licensee to hunt turkey during the open season;
(16) "special season turkey" entitles the licensee to hunt turkey during special seasons designated by the state game commission;

(17) "quality elk" entitles the licensee to hunt elk during a special quality elk season, to be established by the state game commission, when the timing of the season and hunter density is specially regulated and the elk population is managed with an intent to provide the licensee an increased opportunity to take a mature elk;

(18) "quality deer" entitles the licensee to hunt deer during a special quality deer season, to be established by the state game commission, when the timing of the season and hunter density is specially regulated and the deer population is managed with an intent to provide the licensee an increased opportunity to take a mature deer;

(19) "temporary game hunting" entitles the licensee to hunt game birds, except wild turkey, and squirrel during a specific period of time indicated on the license;

(20) "second rod" entitles the licensee to fish using two fishing rods to fish for game fish during the open seasons for each species; and

(21) "fishing and game hunting combination" entitles the licensee to hunt squirrel and game birds, other than wild turkey, and to fish for game fish during the open season for each.
B. A hunting license does not entitle the licensee to hunt, kill or take game animals or birds within or upon a park or enclosure licensed or posted as provided by law or within or upon a privately owned enclosure without consent of the owner or within or upon a game refuge or game management area.

C. A fishing license does not entitle the licensee to fish for or take fish within or upon a park or enclosure licensed or posted as provided by law or within or upon a privately owned enclosure without consent of the owner or in or on closed waters.

D. A junior fishing license may be purchased by a resident who has reached the age of twelve years but has not reached the age of eighteen years. A junior fishing license entitles the licensee to fish for game fish during the open season for each species.

E. A senior fishing license may be purchased by a resident who has reached the age of sixty-five years. A senior fishing license entitles the licensee to fish for game fish during the open season for each species.

F. A nonresident junior fishing license may be purchased by a nonresident who has reached the age of twelve years but has not reached the age of eighteen years. A nonresident junior fishing license entitles the licensee to fish for game fish during the open season for each species.
G. A senior game hunting license may be purchased by a resident who has reached the age of sixty-five years. A senior game hunting license entitles the licensee to hunt for squirrel and game birds, other than wild turkey, during the open seasons for each species and to apply for or purchase a license to hunt for deer, antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, Barbary sheep, javelina, bear, oryx, ibex, cougar and wild turkey.

F. A junior, resident or nonresident, game hunting license may be purchased by a person who has not reached the age of eighteen years. A junior game hunting license entitles the licensee to hunt for squirrel and game birds, other than wild turkey, during the open seasons for each species and to apply for or purchase a license to hunt for deer, antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, Barbary sheep, javelina, bear, oryx, ibex, cougar and wild turkey.

I. A handicapped fishing license may be purchased by a resident who has a severe physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and who can furnish adequate proof of this disability to the state game commission. A handicapped fishing license may be purchased by a resident who has a developmental disability as defined in Subsection H of Section 43-1-3 NMSA 1978 and who can furnish adequate proof of this disability to the state game commission. A handicapped fishing license entitles the
licensee to fish for game fish during the open season for each
species.

J. A handicapped game hunting license may be
purchased by a resident who has a severe physical impairment
that substantially limits one or more major life activities
and who can furnish adequate proof of this disability to the
state game commission. A handicapped game hunting license
entitles the licensee to hunt for squirrel and game birds,
other than wild turkey, during the open season for each
species and to apply for or purchase a license to hunt for
deer, antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, Barbary sheep, javelina,
bear, oryx, ibex, cougar and wild turkey.

K. A fishing license may be obtained at no cost by
a resident who has reached the age of seventy years.

L. A second rod validation may be purchased by
either a resident or nonresident. A second rod validation
entitles the licensee to fish using two rods for game fish
during the open season for each species.

M. A junior-senior elk license may be purchased by
a resident who has not reached the age of eighteen years or by
a resident who has reached the age of sixty-five years. A
junior-senior elk license entitles the licensee to hunt for
elk during the open season for that species.

N. A junior-senior deer license may be purchased
by a resident who is younger than eighteen years or older than
sixty-five years. A junior-senior deer license entitles the
licensee to hunt for deer during the open season for that
species.

0. A junior or senior fishing and game hunting
combination license may be purchased by a resident who is
younger than eighteen years or older than sixty-five years. A
junior or senior fishing and game hunting combination license
entitles the licensee to fish for game fish or hunt for
squirrel and game birds, other than wild turkey, during the
open seasons for each species and to apply for or purchase a
license to hunt for deer, antelope, elk, bighorn sheep,
Barbary sheep, javelina, bear, oryx, ibex, cougar and wild
turkey.

F. Except for a resident, disabled veteran,
 fishing and game hunting combination license issued pursuant
to Section 17-3-13 NMSA 1978, a New Mexico resident who is a
veteran of the United States military or who is active duty
military is eligible for a fifty percent discount on any
license, permit or stamp purchase upon valid proof of service
as determined by the state game commission."

SECTION 2. Section 17-3-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1964
(1st S.S.), Chapter 17, Section 5, as amended by Laws 2011,
Chapter 25, Section 2 and by Laws 2011, Chapter 186, Section
4) is amended to read:

"17-3-13. LICENSE FEES.--

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A. The director of the department of game and fish shall keep a record of all money received and licenses and permits issued by the department, numbering each class separately. Upon satisfactory proof that a license or permit has been lost before its expiration, the director may issue a duplicate and collect a just and reasonable fee for it as determined by regulation of the state game commission.

B. The director of the department of game and fish shall collect the following fees for each license of the class indicated:

- Resident, fishing ......................... $25.00
- Resident, game hunting .................. 15.00
- Resident, deer ............................. 31.00
- Resident, junior-senior, deer ........... 19.00
- Resident, senior, handicapped,
  game hunting and fishing ............... 20.00
- Resident, fishing and game hunting
  combination .............................. 30.00
- Resident, junior, fishing and game
  hunting combination ..................... 15.00
- Resident, disabled veteran, fishing and game hunting
  combination ............................. 10.00
- Resident, antelope ....................... 50.00
- Resident, elk cow ....................... 50.00
- Resident, elk bull or either sex ........ 80.00
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Nonresident, bighorn sheep .................. 3,150.00
Nonresident, Barbary sheep .................. 350.00
Nonresident, oryx .................. 1,600.00
Nonresident, ibex .................. 1,600.00
Nonresident, javelina .................. 155.00
Nonresident, fur dealer .................. 125.00
Nonresident, trapper .................. 345.00
Nonresident, nongame .................. 65.00
Resident, senior, handicapped,
fishing .................. 8.00
Resident, junior fishing .................. 5.00
Temporary fishing, one day .................. 12.00
Temporary fishing, five days .................. 24.00
Resident, senior, handicapped,
game hunting .................. 15.00
Resident, junior, game hunting .................. 10.00
Temporary game hunting, four days .................. 33.00
Second rod validation .................. 4.00"

SECTION 3. REPEAL.--Laws 2011, Chapter 25, Section 1 is repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
provisions of this act is April 1, 2016.
SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Approved by me this 10th day of April, 2015