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PROPOSED AMENDMENT DIRECTED TO A COMMITTEE

January 20, 2024

Mr. Chair:

I propose to the HOUSE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE the following amendments to

HOUSE BILL 178

1. On page 1, line 14, before the period, insert "; AMENDING LICENSING FEES; PROVIDING FOR FEE ADJUSTMENTS TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION; PROVIDING DISCOUNTS FOR RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS".

2. On page 4, line 9, strike "2" and insert in lieu thereof "3".

3. On page 4, line 12, strike "the effective date of this 2024 act" and insert in lieu thereof "January 1, 2025".

4. On page 5, between lines 21 and 22, insert:

"SECTION 2. Section 17-3-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1964 (1st S.S.), Chapter 17, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

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

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 rule.

B. Beginning January 1, 2026 and on January 1 of each successive year, the state game commission may adjust the fees provided by this section for inflation as provided in Subsection C of this section. 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]	<u>\$35.00</u>
Resident, game hunting	[15.00]	<u>25.00</u>
Resident, deer	[31.00]	<u>50.00</u>
Resident, junior-senior, deer	[19.00]	<u>25.00</u>
Resident, senior, handicapped, game hunting and fishing		20.00
Resident, fishing and game hunting combination	[30.00]	<u>42.00</u>
Resident, junior, fishing and game hunting combination		15.00
Resident, disabled veteran, fishing and game hunting combination		10.00
Resident, antelope	[50.00]	<u>60.00</u>
Resident, elk cow	[50.00]	<u>60.00</u>
Resident, elk bull or either sex	[80.00]	<u>90.00</u>
Resident, junior-senior, elk	[48.00]	<u>60.00</u>
Resident, bighorn sheep, ram		150.00
Resident, bighorn sheep, ewe		75.00
Resident, Barbary sheep	[100.00]	<u>120.00</u>
Resident, bear	[44.00]	<u>55.00</u>
Resident, turkey	[25.00]	<u>35.00</u>
Resident, cougar	[40.00]	<u>55.00</u>
Resident, oryx	[150.00]	<u>175.00</u>
Resident, ibex	[100.00]	<u>110.00</u>
Resident, javelina		55.00
Resident, fur dealer	[15.00]	<u>100.00</u>
Resident, trapper	[20.00]	<u>100.00</u>
Resident, junior trapper	[9.00]	<u>50.00</u>
Nonresident, fishing	[56.00]	<u>90.00</u>
Nonresident, junior fishing	[15.00]	<u>20.00</u>
Nonresident, junior, game hunting	[15.00]	<u>20.00</u>
Nonresident, game hunting	[65.00]	<u>85.00</u>

Nonresident, deer	[260.00]	375.00
Nonresident, quality deer	[345.00]	600.00
Nonresident, bear	[250.00]	350.00
Nonresident, cougar	[280.00]	350.00
Nonresident, turkey	[100.00]	125.00
Nonresident, antelope	[260.00]	400.00
Nonresident, elk cow	[315.00]	550.00
Nonresident, elk bull or either sex	[525.00]	750.00
Nonresident, quality elk	[750.00]	975.00
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]	200.00
Nonresident, trapper	[345.00]	500.00
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]	30.00
Resident, senior, handicapped, game hunting		15.00
Resident, junior, game hunting		10.00
Temporary game hunting, four days	[33.00]	40.00
Second rod validation	[4.00]	10.00.

C. On January 1, 2026 and on January 1 of each successive year, the state game commission may adjust the fees provided by Subsection B of this section by multiplying the fee as of January 1, 2025 by a fraction, the numerator of which is the consumer price index ending in September of the previous year and the denominator of which is the consumer price index ending in September 2024; provided that the fees shall not be adjusted below the minimum amounts provided in Subsection B of this section as a result of a decrease in the consumer price index, and the fees shall be adjusted on January 1, 2031 and every five years thereafter. The amount of the adjustment shall be rounded to the nearest dollar. By November 1, 2025 and by November 1 of each successive year, the department of game and fish shall post on its website the fees in Subsection B of this section for the next year.

D. Residents and family members of residents who participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program are eligible to receive a twenty-five percent discount on all license fees after qualifying with the department of game and fish.

E. As used in this section, "consumer price index" means the consumer price index, not seasonally adjusted, for all urban consumers, United States city average for all items, or its successor index, as published by the United States department of labor for a twelve-month period ending September 30."

5. On page 6, line 2, strike "act" and insert in lieu thereof "section".

6. On page 6, lines 2 and 3, strike "the effective date of this act" and insert in lieu thereof "December 31, 2024".

7. On page 6, line 4, strike "appointed on the effective date of this act" and insert in lieu thereof "beginning January 1, 2025".

8. On page 6, lines 13 and 14, strike "The effective date of the provisions of this act is January 1, 2025." and insert in lieu thereof:

"A. The effective date of the provisions of Sections 1 and 3 of this act is January 1, 2025.

B. The effective date of the provisions of Section 2 of this act is April 1, 2025."

9. Renumber sections to correspond to these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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