

23:3-4 et al

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Hunting and fishing fees - increases and reductions)

NJSA 23:3-4, et al.

LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 239

Bill No. S3242

Sponsor(s) Dodd, Feldman and Parker

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Committee: Assembly Agriculture and Environment

Senate Energy and Environment

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Reports ~~Yes~~ No

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Sponsor's statement:

This bill increases certain fees associated with hunting and fishing in the State and reduces the costs of hunting and fishing licenses for persons over 65 years of age and persons of the ages of 14 and 15.

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SENATE, No. 3242

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 7, 1979

By Senators DODD, FELDMAN and PARKER

Referred to Committee on Energy and Environment

AN ACT concerning the fees and various fish and game licenses  
and amending parts of the statutory law.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. R. S. 23:3-4 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-4. The licenses issued under this article shall be as follows:

3 a. A license issued to **[citizens of the United States]** *a person*  
4 above 14 years of age, who **[have]** *has* an actual and bona fide  
5 domicile in this State at the time of the application for the license  
6 and who **[have]** *has* had an actual and bona fide domicile in this  
7 State for at least 6 months immediately prior thereto, provided  
8 that for *a* residents' trapping **[licenses such]** *license the* person  
9 **[may]** *shall* be above 12 years of age. These licenses shall be of  
10 five kinds and designated as the residents' firearm hunting license,  
11 the residents' bow and arrow license, the residents' trapping li-  
12 cense, the residents' fishing license and the residents' family fish-  
13 ing license. The Fish and Game Council in the Division of Fish,  
14 Game and Shell Fisheries of the Department of Environmental  
15 Protection shall have the authority to adopt and promulgate regu-  
16 lations for **[said]** family fishing licenses.

17 The residents' firearm hunting license shall authorize its holder  
18 to hunt with hounds and firearms only, and a fee of **[\$10.00]** *\$13.50*  
19 and an issuance fee of **[\$0.25]** *\$0.50* shall be charged therefor,  
20 *except that a person 14 or 15 years of age and a person above the*  
21 *age of 65 shall be charged a fee of \$7.00 and an issuance fee of \$0.50.*  
22 The residents' bow and arrow license shall authorize its holder to  
23 hunt with bow and arrow only, and a fee of **[\$10.00]** *\$15.00* and an  
24 issuance fee of **[\$0.25]** *\$0.50* shall be charged therefor, *except that*  
25 *a person 14 or 15 years of age and a person above the age of 65*  
26 *shall be charged a fee of \$8.00 and an issuance fee of \$0.50.* The

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill  
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

27 residents' trapping license shall authorize its holder to trap only,  
 28 and a fee of ~~[\$10.00]~~ \$20.00 and an issuance fee of ~~[\$0.25]~~ \$0.50  
 29 shall be charged therefor, *except that a person 12, 13, 14 or 15 years*  
 30 *of age shall be charged a fee of \$10.00 and an issuance fee of \$0.50.*  
 31 The residents' fishing license shall authorize its holder to fish only,  
 32 and a fee of ~~[\$7.00]~~ \$9.00 and an issuance fee of ~~[\$0.25]~~ \$0.50  
 33 shall be charged therefor except that in any case where the appli-  
 34 cant is 70 or more years of age and is otherwise qualified no fee  
 35 shall be charged *and a person 14 or 15 years of age and a person*  
 36 *above the age of 65 shall be charged a fee of \$5.00 and an issuance*  
 37 *fee of \$0.50.*

38 The residents' family fishing license shall authorize the parents  
 39 or guardians and their children, foster children or wards between  
 40 the ages of 14 and 18, named therein, to fish only. The fee for the  
 41 parent license permitting fishing only by the father or mother, or  
 42 both, or the guardian shall be \$12.00 with an issuance fee of ~~[\$0.25]~~  
 43 \$0.50; and each child, foster child or ward named therein shall be  
 44 required to have and shall be issued an individual supplementary  
 45 license as a member of such family at a fee of \$1.00 and an issu-  
 46 ance fee of ~~[\$0.25]~~ \$0.50. The license shall be invalid from the date  
 47 of its issuance when issued to a person not entitled thereto ~~[here-~~  
 48 ~~under]~~. Any person, a resident of this State, who is afflicted with  
 49 total blindness, upon application to the Division of Fish, Game and  
 50 Shell Fisheries shall be entitled to a residents' fishing license  
 51 without fee or charge.

52 b. A license issued to a person above 14 years of age not entitled  
 53 to a residents' license, authorizing him to trap or to hunt. These  
 54 licenses shall be designated as the nonresidents' ~~[and aliens']~~ fire-  
 55 arm hunting license, the nonresidents' ~~[and aliens']~~ bow and arrow  
 56 license, and the nonresidents' ~~[and aliens']~~ trapping license, *and*  
 57 *the nonresidents' 2-day small game firearm hunting license, except*  
 58 *that a nonresidents' 2-day small game firearm hunting license shall*  
 59 *not permit the taking, hunting or killing of deer.*

60 The fee for the nonresidents' ~~[and aliens']~~ firearm hunting  
 61 license and the nonresidents' ~~[and aliens']~~ bow and arrow license  
 62 shall *each*, be ~~[the same as the fees charged to New Jersey residents~~  
 63 ~~by the place of residence of the license purchaser for comparable~~  
 64 ~~licenses but shall not be less than \$25.00 together with]~~ \$40.00 *and*  
 65 *an issuance fee of [del] \$0.25] \$0.50.*

66 The fee for the nonresidents' ~~[and aliens']~~ trapping license shall  
 67 be \$100.00 and an issuance fee of ~~[\$0.25]~~ \$0.50. *The fee for a non-*  
 68 *resident's 2-day small game firearm hunting license shall be \$15.00*  
 69 *and an issuance fee of \$0.50.*

70 c. A license issued to a person above 14 years of age not entitled  
 71 to a residents' license, authorizing him to fish only. These licenses  
 72 shall be designated as the nonresidents' ~~and aliens'~~ fishing li-  
 73 cense and the nonresidents' ~~and aliens' 3-day~~ 7-day vacation  
 74 fishing license valid for a period of ~~3~~ 7 consecutive days ~~and~~  
 75 only obtainable after June 1 of each year]. The fee for these li-  
 76 censes shall be ~~[\$12.00]~~ \$14.00 for the annual fishing license, to-  
 77 gether with an issuance fee of ~~[\$0.25]~~ \$0.50 and ~~[\$5.00]~~ \$7.00 and  
 78 an issuance fee of ~~[\$0.25]~~ \$0.50 for the ~~3-day~~ 7-day vacation  
 79 fishing license.

80 Every license issued hereunder shall be void after December 31,  
 81 next succeeding its issuance excepting the 1-day hunting license  
 82 which shall expire on the date of issuance, ~~and~~ the nonresidents'  
 83 and ~~aliens' 3-day~~ 7-day fishing license which is valid only for ~~3~~  
 84 7 consecutive days after date of issuance, *and the nonresidents'*  
 85 *2-day small game firearm hunting license which shall expire on the*  
 86 *day after the date of issuance.*

1 2. Section 2 of P. L. 1951, c. 226 (C. 23:3-4.1) is amended to  
 2 read as follows:

3 2. The division may, in its discretion, issue a license to a ~~citizen~~  
 4 of the United States] *person* above the age of 14 years authorizing  
 5 him to hunt for 1 day only on areas licensed under subdivisions B.  
 6 and D. of section 23:3-29, or at a shoot to kill field trial which is  
 7 being held under a proper permit from the division. The fee for  
 8 this license shall be \$4.00, and an issuance fee of ~~[\$0.25]~~ \$0.50  
 9 shall be charged therefor. The fees collected hereunder shall be  
 10 remitted to the State Treasurer, and placed to the credit of the  
 11 "hunters' and anglers' license fund," and be disbursed by the  
 12 State Treasurer on vouchers certified to by the division.

1 3. Section 1 of P. L. 1959, c. 37 (C. 23:3-56.1) is amended to  
 2 read as follows:

3 1. When the Fish and Game Council has established a season  
 4 for deer of either sex in an area so limited in size that the number  
 5 of hunters participating in the harvest must be limited and has  
 6 fixed a certain number of licenses to be issued for such harvest,  
 7 the division is authorized to charge a fee of ~~[\$5.00]~~ \$10.00 for each  
 8 license so issued, which fee shall be in addition to any other fees  
 9 authorized by law. No such fee shall be required of the occupant  
 10 of a farm in this State, who actually resides thereon, or the im-  
 11 mediate members of his family who also reside thereon, provided  
 12 such person or persons are otherwise authorized to participate in  
 13 such limited harvest. The exemption of this paragraph shall not

14 apply to a person residing on the farm or in a tenant house thereon  
15 who is not a member of the occupant's family, nor to a servant of  
16 the occupant.

1 4. Section 3 of P. L. 1975, c. 117 (C. 23:3-61.3) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 3. The fee for this stamp shall be ~~【\$5.00】~~ *\$15.00*. The amounts  
4 remitted to the State Treasury for special pheasant and quail  
5 stamps shall be deposited to the credit of the "hunters' and anglers'  
6 license fund."

1 5. This act shall take effect ~~\*【immediately】\*~~ *\*January 1, 1980\**.

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SENATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3242**

with Senate committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 21, 1979

This bill would increase certain fees associated with hunting and fishing in the State and reduce the costs of hunting and fishing licenses for persons over 65 years of age and persons of the ages of 14 and 15.

The increased fees would be as follows:

License Type	Present Fee	Proposed 1980 Fee
Hunting .....	10.00	13.50
Fishing .....	7.00	9.00
Bow and Arrow Hunting .....	10.00	15.00
Special Deer Permit .....	5.00	10.00
Rifle Permit .....	3.00	5.00
Wildlife Mgt Area Pheasant and Quail Stamp .....	5.00	15.00
Trapping .....	10.00	20.00
Non-Resident Fishing .....	12.00	14.00
Non-Resident Hunting .....	reciprocal	40.00
Non-Resident Bow and Arrow .....	reciprocal	40.00

The reduced fees would be as follows:

License Type	Present Fee	1980 Proposed Regular Fee	1980 Proposed Senior Citizens and Young Adults Fees
Hunting .....	10.00	13.50	7.00
Fishing .....	7.00	9.00	5.00
Trapping .....	10.00	20.00	10.00
Bow and Arrow .....	10.00	15.00	8.00

It is anticipated that the changes made by this bill would result in approximately \$815,000.00 in increased revenues to the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries.

A Senate committee amendment changed the effective date of this bill to January 1, 1980.

FISCAL NOTE TO  
**SENATE, No. 3242**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 21, 1979

Senate Bill No. 3242 increases certain fees associated with hunting and fishing in the State and reduces the costs of hunting and fishing licenses for persons over 65 years of age and persons 14 and 15 years of age.

The Department of Environmental Protection estimates that enactment of this legislation would increase the revenues of the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries by \$408,000.00 in fiscal 1979-80 and \$816,000.00 in each of the next 2 fiscal years.

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In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.