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ASSEMBLY, No. 3205

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 7, 1975

By Assemblyman STEWART

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environment

AN ACT concerning fish and game license fees and revising 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. 23:3-1 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-1. No person shall at any time hunt for, take *or attempt to*
3 *take*, kill or pursue, with a gun or any firearms of any kind or
4 character, or with ***[bow]*** **longbow** and arrow, a wild bird, ani-
5 mal or fowl, or take or attempt to take any skunk, mink, muskrat,
6 ***[otter]*** or other fur-bearing animal by means of a trap, or set a
7 trap for any fur-bearing animal, and no person above the age of 14
8 years shall at any time take or attempt to take fish in any of the
9 fresh waters of this State by the method commonly known as
10 angling with a hand line or rod and line, **or with longbow and*
11 *arrow** unless he has first procured a proper license. Nor shall any
12 person engage in hunting, *fishing* or trapping unless ***[he has in**
13 **addition first procured a button or tag showing the number of the**
14 **license and whether the hunter, fisherman or trapper is a resi-**
15 **dent or a nonresident; and such button]*** **the appropriate license**
16 *or tag *as prescribed hereunder is* ***[shall be worn]*** *visibly*
17 *displayed in a holder** in a conspicuous place on ***[his]*** **the** outer
18 clothing at the time of such hunting, *fishing* or trapping. A licensee
19 shall exhibit his license and tag ***[or button]*** for inspection to any
20 **[warden, deputy warden]** *conservation officer, deputy conservation*
21 *officer, police officer or other person requesting to see it. No person*
22 *under 12 years of age shall be issued a trapping license.*

23 Any person found hunting, *fishing* or trapping without ***[his]***
23A **the* proper *license* ***[button or]*** tag **as may be required**
23B conspicuously displayed shall be liable to a penalty of ***[\$5.00]****

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

23c **\$10.00** and costs to be recovered pursuant to the provisions of
 23d Title 23, chapter 10, of the Revised Statutes.

24 **【A resident of this State, while he or she is on active duty with**
 25 **any branch of the armed service of the United States, shall be**
 26 **entitled to hunt and fish in this State in accordance with law without**
 27 **being licensed.】**

28 **【A nonresident】** *A person* who is on active duty with any branch
 29 or department of the armed service of the United States, shall be
 30 entitled to hunt or fish upon obtaining the proper resident license
 31 therefor.

32 Nothing in this section shall prevent the occupant of a farm in
 33 this State, who actually resides thereon, or the immediate members
 34 of his family who also reside thereon, from hunting for, taking,
 35 killing or pursuing with a gun or firearm **or a longbow and arrow**
 36 on the farm a wild bird, animal or fowl, from taking any skunk,
 37 mink, muskrat, **【otter】** **or other fur-bearing animal by means of*
 38 *a trap or from setting a trap for a fur-bearing animal on the farm,*
 39 *or from taking fish on the farm with hand line or rod and line, *or*
 40 *a longbow and arrow** in the manner provided by law during the
 41 time when it is lawful so to do, without being licensed hereunder.
 42 The exemption of this paragraph shall not apply to a person re-
 43 siding on the farm or in a tenant house thereon who is not a member
 44 of the occupant's family, nor to a servant of the occupant. **Any*
 45 *person who violates any provision of this section for which a pen-*
 46 *alty is not otherwise expressly provided, shall be liable to a penalty*
 47 *of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each offense.**

1 2. 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 above 14 years
 4 of age, who have an actual and bona fide domicile in this State at
 5 the time of the application for the license and who have had an
 6 actual and bona fide domicile in this State for at least 6 months
 7 immediately prior thereto, provided that for residents' trapping
 8 licenses such person may be above 12 years of age. These licenses
 9 shall be of five kinds and designated as the residents' firearm
 10 hunting license, the residents' bow and arrow license, the residents'
 11 trapping license, the residents' fishing license and the residents'
 12 family fishing license. The Fish and Game Council in the Division
 13 of Fish, Game and Shell Fisheries of the Department of Environ-
 14 mental Protection shall have the authority to adopt and promulgate
 15 regulations for said family fishing licenses.

16 The residents' firearm hunting license shall authorize its holder

17 to hunt with hounds and firearms only, and a fee of ~~[\$7.00]~~ \$10.00
18 and an issuance fee of \$0.25 shall be charged therefor. The
19 residents' bow and arrow license shall authorize its holder to hunt
20 with bow and arrow only, and a fee of ~~[\$7.00]~~ \$10.00 and an issu-
21 ance fee of \$0.25 shall be charged therefor. The residents' trapping
22 license shall authorize its holder to trap only, and a fee of ~~[\$7.00]~~
23 \$10.00 and an issuance fee of \$0.25 shall be charged therefor. The
24 residents' fishing license shall authorize its holder to fish only,
25 and a fee of ~~[\$6.00]~~ \$7.00 and an issuance fee of \$0.25 shall be
26 charged therefor except that in any case where the applicant is 70
27 or more years of age and is otherwise qualified no fee shall be
28 charged. The residents' family fishing license shall authorize the
29 parents or guardians and their children, foster children or wards
30 between the ages of 14 and 18, named therein, to fish only. The
31 fee for the parent license permitting fishing only by the father or
32 mother, or both, or the guardian shall be \$12.00 with an issuance
33 fee of \$0.25; and each child, foster child or ward named therein
34 shall be required to have and shall be issued an individual supple-
35 mentary license as a member of such family at a fee of \$1.00 and
36 an issuance fee of \$0.25. The license shall be invalid from the date
37 of its issuance when issued to a person not entitled thereto here-
38 under. Any person, a resident of this State, who is afflicted with
39 total blindness, upon application to the Division of Fish, Game and
40 Shell Fisheries shall be entitled to a residents' fishing license
41 without fee or charge.

42 b. A license issued to a person above 14 years of age not entitled
43 to a residents' license, authorizing him to trap or to hunt. These
44 licenses shall be designated as the nonresidents' and aliens' fire-
45 arm hunting license, the nonresidents' and aliens' bow and arrow
46 license, and the nonresidents' and aliens' trapping license. ~~【The~~
47 fee for each of these licenses shall be \$40.00, and an issuance fee
48 of \$0.25.】

49 *The fee for the nonresidents' and aliens' firearm hunting license*
50 *and the nonresidents' and aliens' bow and arrow license shall be*
51 *the same as the fees charged to New Jersey residents by the place*
52 *of residence of the license purchaser for comparable licenses but*
53 *shall not be less than \$25.00 together with an issuance fee of \$0.25.*

54 *The fee for the nonresidents' and aliens' trapping license shall*
55 *be \$100.00 and an issuance fee of \$0.25.*

56 c. A license issued to a person above 14 years of age not entitled
57 to a residents' license, authorizing him to fish only. These licenses
58 shall be designated as the nonresidents' and aliens' fishing license

59 and the nonresidents' and aliens' 3-day vacation fishing license
 60 valid for a period of 3 consecutive days and only obtainable after
 61 June 1 of each year. The fee for these licenses shall be **[\$10.00]**
 62 *\$12.00* for the annual fishing license, together with an issuance fee
 63 of \$0.25, and **[\$3.50]** *\$5.00* and an issuance fee of \$0.25 for the 3-day
 64 vacation fishing license.

65 Every license issued hereunder shall be void after December 31,
 66 next succeeding its issuance excepting the **[nonresidents']** 1-day
 67 hunting license which shall expire on the date of issuance, and the
 68 nonresidents' and aliens' 3-day fishing license which is valid only
 69 for 3 consecutive days after date of issuance.

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

3 2. The division may, in its discretion, issue a license to a citizen
 4 of the United States above the age of 14 years**[, who is a non-**
 5 **resident of this State,]** authorizing him to hunt for one day only on
 6 areas licensed under subdivisions B. and D. of section 23:3-29, or at
 7 a shoot to kill field trial which is being held under a proper permit
 8 from the division. The fee for this license shall be **[\$2.00]** *\$4.00*,
 9 and an issuance fee of **[\$0.15]** *\$0.25* shall be charged therefor. The
 10 fees collected hereunder shall be remitted to the State Treasurer,
 11 and placed to the credit of the "hunters' and anglers' license
 12 fund," and be disbursed by the State Treasurer on vouchers certi-
 13 fied to by the division.

1 4. R. S. 23:3-11 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-11. **[Two dollars of every resident and nonresident firearm**
 3 **hunting and trapping license fee, and every resident and nonresi-**
 4 **dent bow and arrow license fee, and \$1.00 of every resident and**
 5 **nonresident fishing license fee, including the 3-day vacation fishing**
 6 **license fee, and \$2.00 of every resident family parent fishing license**
 7 **fee,]** *All fees for licenses and permits received by the Division of*
 8 *Fish, Game and Shellfisheries, remitted to the State Treasurer*
 9 *shall be placed to the credit of a fund to be known as the **[“public***
 10 *shooting and fishing grounds] *“hunters' and anglers' license*
 11 *fund,” which fund shall be used exclusively for ***[the acquisition by***
 12 *purchase, lease or otherwise, and the development, maintenance*
 13 *and stocking of game, birds, animals and fish of areas of land,*
 14 *water, or land and water for use as public hunting and fishing*
 15 *grounds and game refuges; and the acquisition by lease or other-*
 16 *wise of areas of land or water for such other activities as the*
 17 *Division of Fish and Game shall deem to be in the interest of the*
 18 *hunters and fishermen of the State] * *such purposes and activities***

19 *as the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries deems to be in*
 20 *best interest of the wildlife resources of the State. Not less*
 21 *than 24% of the "hunters' and anglers' license fund" shall an-*
 22 *nually be spent for law enforcement purposes by the Division of*
 23 *Fish, Game and Shellfisheries**. This fund shall be kept separate
 24 and apart from ***the receipts of the division and**]* all other State
 25 moneys and shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer on vouchers
 26 certified to by the division. **The balance of the fee remitted shall**
 27 **be placed to the credit of the "hunters' and anglers' license fund."**
 28 One dollar of every resident firearm hunting and trapping license
 29 fee, and \$1.00 of every resident bow and arrow license fee shall
 30 be spent for the management of the State's deer herd.]

1 5. R. S. 23:3-20 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-20. A person who at any time alters, disfigures or changes
 3 in any manner, or loans or transfers to another, a license or button
 4 or tag issued under this article, gives false information or makes
 5 any misrepresentation to the clerk or agent to whom application is
 6 made for a license hereunder, or who violates any provision of this
 7 article for the violation of which a penalty is not herein otherwise
 8 provided, shall be liable to a penalty of **[\$20.00]** *not*
 9 *less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each offense,*
 10 and upon conviction the license and button or tag issued
 10A to him, if any, shall be revoked by the court or magis-
 11 trate before whom the conviction is secured. The court or
 12 magistrate shall send the license and button or tag marked "re-
 13 voked," to the office of the division, and any license issued to a
 14 person whose license has been revoked during the year for which
 15 the license was issued shall be void. A person who shall fail or
 16 neglect to perform a duty imposed on him by this article shall be
 17 liable to a penalty of \$20.00 for each failure. No penalty fixed by
 18 this section shall apply to an offense which is a misdemeanor under
 19 this article.

1 6. R. S. 23:3-34 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-34. The **board]** *division* shall receive and collect **[\$0.10]**
 3 *\$0.20* for each tag or seal affixed to the carcass of an animal or bird,
 4 as provided in sections 23:3-28 to ***[23:3-30]*** *23:3-39* of this
 5 Title. These tags or seals shall remain affixed until the carcasses
 6 of the birds or animals are finally prepared for consumption, and
 7 the sale of a portion of a bird or animal which shall not at the time
 8 have affixed thereto the tag or seal shall constitute a violation of
 9 said sections 23:3-28 to ***[23:3-30]*** *23:3-39*. The keeper of a
 10 hotel, restaurant or boarding house, a retail dealer in meat or a

11 club may sell a portion of a bird or animal so tagged to a guest,
12 customer or member for consumption.

1 7. R. S. 23:3-41 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-41. No person shall erect, set, operate or maintain a
3 fishpound net in the waters of the Atlantic ocean, within 3 nautical
4 miles from the coast line of this State, or in Sandy Hook or Raritan
5 bay, without first obtaining a license for that purpose, as herein-
6 after provided.

7 An application for a license for such purpose shall be made to
8 the division. The division upon the payment to it of the sum of
9 **[\$50.00]** \$100.00 for each pound net to be erected or set in the
10 Atlantic ocean, and **[\$20.00]** \$50.00 for each pound net to be
11 erected or set in Sandy Hook or Raritan bay, as a license fee, may
12 in its discretion issue to the applicant, if he is a citizen of the
13 United States, a license, to erect, set, operate and maintain a fish-
14 pound net in one of the waters above specified. The method of
15 numbering and identification of pounds shall be that which the
16 division determines. A license issued hereunder shall expire annu-
17 ally on December 31 next succeeding its issuance, and may be
18 renewed by the division upon the payment of the same fee and
19 upon the same terms as those upon which the original license was
20 granted.

1 8. R. S. 23:3-47 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-47. A person who intends to take fish with shirred or purse
3 seines, otter or beam trawls in the waters of the Atlantic ocean
4 within the jurisdiction of this State shall make application to the
5 board for a license for that purpose for each vessel proposed to
6 be engaged in the fishing.

7 The ***[board]** **Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries**, upon
8 the receipt of the application and the payment to it of the sum of
9 **[\$50.00]** \$100.00 for each vessel proposed to be engaged in the
10 fishing, shall issue to the applicant a license for the vessel to take
11 with shirred or purse seine, otter or beam trawl, fish of any kind,
12 excepting striped bass, in the waters of the Atlantic ocean within
13 the jurisdiction of this State at a distance of not less than 2 miles
14 from the coast line. The license shall expire on December 31 in
15 the year in which it is issued.

1 9. R. S. 23:3-52 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-52. The fees for issuing a license under sections 23:3-50
3 and 23:3-51 of this Title shall be as follows: For each
4 Vessel of not less than 30 nor more than 100
5 tons gross tonnage, owned by residents of
6 New Jersey **[\$100 00]** \$125 00

7	Vessel of not less than 100 nor more than 150		
8	tons gross tonnage, owned by residents of		
9	New Jersey	[200 00]	250 00
10	Vessel of not less than 150 nor more than 175		
11	tons gross tonnage, owned by residents of		
12	New Jersey	[300 00]	400 00
13	Vessel of not less than 175 nor more than 200		
14	tons gross tonnage, owned by residents of		
15	New Jersey	[400 00]	550 00
16	Vessel over 200 tons gross tonnage, owned by		
17	residents of New Jersey	[750 00]	900 00
18	Vessel not over * [200] * *20* tons gross ton-		
19	nage used by residents for taking menhaden		
20	for bait purposes only	[10 00]	20 00
21	Vessel of not less than 30 nor more than 100		
22	tons gross tonnage, owned or leased by non-		
23	residents of New Jersey	[300 00]	450 00
24	Vessel of not less than 100 nor more than 150		
25	tons gross tonnage, owned or leased by non-		
26	residents of New Jersey	[500 00]	700 00
27	Vessel of not less than 150 nor more than 175		
28	tons gross tonnage, owned or leased by non-		
29	residents of New Jersey	[750 00]	1,000 00
30	Vessel of not less than 175 nor more than 200		
31	tons gross tonnage, owned or leased by non-		
32	residents of New Jersey	[1,000 00]	1,150 00
33	All vessels over 200 tons gross tonnage,		
34	owned or leased by nonresidents of the		
35	State of New Jersey	[1,200 00]	1,500 00
36	The fees for vessels from out of the State, leased by residents		
37	of New Jersey, shall be the same as the nonresident license fees.		
38	Such gross tonnages shall be determined by Custom House		
39	measurements.		

1 10. Section 3 of P. L. 1952, c. 328 (C. 23:3-59) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 3. The fee for this stamp shall be **[\$2.00]** \$4.00 for residents and
4 **[\$5.00]** \$8.00 for nonresidents. The amounts remitted to the State
5 treasury for stamps issued under this law shall be placed to the
6 credit of the "hunters' and anglers' license fund" mentioned in
7 R. S. 23:3-12.

1 11. R. S. 23:4-52 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:4-52. The **[board]** *Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries*

3 may grant to a properly accredited person, [21] 18 years of age
 4 or over, a certificate permitting him to collect *mammals, reptiles,*
 5 *amphibians, fish, and birds*[,] and their nests or eggs, for strictly
 6 scientific purposes only. In order to obtain the certificate the ap-
 7 plicant therefor shall (a) present to the [board] *division*, written
 8 testimonials from two well-known [scientific men] *scientists*, cer-
 9 tifying to the good character and fitness of the applicant to be
 10 intrusted with the privilege, (b) pay to the [board] *division* [one
 11 dollar to defray the necessary expenses attending the granting of
 12 the certificate and (c) to file with the board a properly executed
 13 bond in the sum of \$200.00, signed by two responsible citizens
 14 of the State as sureties] *the fee of \$20.00 for the scientific collectors*
 15 *certificate*. The certificate shall be in force for 1 year only, from
 16 the date of its issuance, and shall not be transferable *without ap-*
 17 *proval of the director*. The foregoing sections of this article shall
 18 not apply to a person holding such certificate, *except as provided*
 19 *for in The Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act,*
 20 *P. L. 1973, c. 309 (C. 23:2A-1 et seq.).*

21 Upon proof that a holder of the certificate has [killed a] *collected*
 22 *a mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish, bird or taken the nest or eggs*
 23 *of a bird, mammal, reptile, amphibian or fish* for any purposes other
 24 than those named in this section, [the bond shall be forfeited to
 25 the State,] the certificate shall become void and the holder shall
 26 be further subject to the penalties provided therefor in this article.

1 12. Section 2 of P. L. 1941, c. 211 (C. 23:5-24.2) is amended to
 2 read as follows:

3 2. A person intending to take fish with a net in the waters afore-
 4 said shall, except as hereinafter provided, apply to the Division of
 5 Fish, [and] Game and *Shellfisheries* for a license therefor, and
 6 the division upon receipt of the application and the fee hereinafter
 7 prescribed may in its discretion issue licenses for the taking of
 8 fish with nets as follows:

9 (a) Haul seines, the mesh of which shall not be larger than 3
 10 inches stretched mesh while being fished, and not to exceed 70
 11 fathoms in length, whether singly or attached, for all species, ex-
 12 cepting striped bass. November 1 to April 30. Fee, [\$15.00]
 13 \$25.00.

14 (b) Fykes, with leaders, shall not exceed 30 fathoms in length
 15 and no part of net or leaders to be larger than 3 inches stretched
 16 mesh while being fished, for all species excepting striped bass.
 17 November 1 to April 30. Fee, [\$5.00] \$30.00.

18 (c) Special fyke for flounder only, the length of the net not

19 to exceed 30 fathoms and the mesh of which shall not be less than
20 4 inches stretched mesh. October 1 to April 30. Fee, ~~[\$2.00]~~ \$4.00.

21 (d) Miniature fykes or pots for the taking of catfish, suckers
22 and eels, the same not to exceed 16 inches in diameter. March 15
23 to December 15. Fee, ~~[\$0.25]~~ \$1.00.

24 (e) ~~Drifting gill nets, run~~ *Run* around ~~or stab nets,~~ *net* the
25 smallest mesh of which shall be $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide ~~while being~~
26 ~~fished,~~ *stretched mesh* and the length of which net shall not exceed
27 200 fathoms, for all species excepting striped bass. March 15 to
28 December 15. Fee, ~~[\$10.00]~~ \$20.00. ~~These nets~~ *This net* shall
29 be used in the Atlantic ocean only. *The limit shall be one run*
30 *around net per boat.*

31 (f) Shad nets, either staked or anchored, the smallest mesh of
32 which shall be 5 inches while being fished, and shall not exceed
33 50 fathoms in length, for all species excepting striped bass.
34 March 1 to June 15. Fee, ~~[\$2.00]~~ \$3.00.

35 These nets shall be used in the Atlantic ocean only.

36 (g) Bait seines, over 50 feet long and not exceeding 150 feet.
37 Fee, ~~[\$1.00]~~ \$3.00.

38 (h) Bait seines, not more than 50 feet long, may be used without
39 application for or granting of license.

40 (i) Dip nets, not to exceed 24 inches in diameter, may be used
41 for the taking of herring for live bait without application for or
42 granting of license.

43 (j) *Drifting gill net, the smallest mesh of which shall be $2\frac{3}{4}$*
44 *inches stretched mesh and the length of which net shall not exceed*
45 *150 fathoms, for all species excepting striped bass. The limit shall*
46 *be two drifting gill nets per boat. March 15 to December 15. Fee*
47 *\$20.00. These nets shall be used in the Atlantic ocean only * [at a*
48 *distance of not less than 2 nautical miles of the coast line of this*
49 *State]*.*

1 13. Section 3 of P. L. 1958, c. 93 (C. 23:8A-3) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 3. All moneys received from any such sale or lease, or received
4 as part of the consideration when an exchange of lands is made,
5 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and placed to the credit
6 of a fund known as the ~~“public shooting and fishing grounds~~
7 ~~fund”]~~ *“hunters’ and anglers’ license fund”* created by and exist-
8 ing under the provisions of R. S. 23:3-11, said money to be used
9 exclusively for such uses and purposes as are provided for by said
10 act, and held and disbursed by the State Treasurer, ~~as is further~~
11 ~~provided for by said act]~~ *on vouchers certified to by the division.*

1 14. R. S. 23:9-115 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:9-115. Upon application to the [Board of Fish and Game
3 Commissioners] *Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries* and
4 the payment of a fee of [\$25.00] \$60.00 for each net, the *[board]*
5 *division* may issue, in its discretion, a license permitting the
6 licensee to fish for shad, in the Hudson river, from March 15 to
7 June 15; provided further, however, no net shall be set or put in
8 position and no shad shall be taken during the period from Friday
9 noon until Saturday midnight of each week; provided, however,
10 that any net which has been set prior to Friday noon shall be per-
11 mitted to remain in position and be lifted at the next high water;
12 provided further, however, that the aforementioned 36-hour lift
13 period shall be the minimum period and the maximum lift period
14 shall be at the discretion of the [Board of Fish and Game Com-
15 missioners] *Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries*.

1 15. This act shall take effect immediately.

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14 the discretion of the **Board of Fish and Game Commissioners**
15 *Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries*.
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STATEMENT

This bill amends various sections of the fish and game laws to increase licensed fees and make the programs self-supporting.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3205

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED APRIL 11, 1975

This bill would implement the proposed new funding program for the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries. Since 1902, the various programs and operations of the division have been self-supporting through means of a dedicated fund composed of the revenue derived from the sale of various hunting and fishing licenses. Under the provisions of this bill, such license fees would be increased so as to allow the programs and operations of the division to remain self-supporting.

As amended by the Assembly Agriculture and Environmental Committee, the proceeds from the sale of such licenses would be deposited in the "hunters' and anglers' license fund," which would be used for such purposes and activities as the division deems to be in the best interests of the wildlife resources of the State. In addition, not less than 24% of this fund would be expended annually on law enforcement purposes by the division.

The following chart details the effects of the proposed increases under the provisions of this bill:

PRESENT LICENSE SALES, FEES AND INCOME AND PROPOSED INCREASES

Type of License	Number of Sales	1974 Fee (in Dollars)	Income 1973-74 (in Dollars)	1976-77 Proposed Increase to (in Dollars)	1976-77 Possible Total Income (in Dollars)	Increased Income (in Dollars)
Resident Fishing	184,194	\$6	\$1,105,164	\$7	\$1,289,358	\$184,194
Resident Hunting	165,667	7	1,159,669	10	1,656,670	497,001
Resident Trout	128,719	2	257,438	4	514,876	257,438
Resident Bow and Arrow	32,802	7	229,614	10	328,020	98,406
Resident Trapping	3,106	7	21,742	10	31,060	9,318
Non-Resident Fishing	5,726	10	57,260	12	68,712	11,452
Non-Resident Trout	1,495	5	7,475	8	11,960	4,485
3-Day Fishing	1,141	3.50	3,993	5	5,705	1,712
Non-Resident Hunting	2,600	40	104,000	40	104,000	.....
Non-Resident Bow and Arrow	360	40	14,400	40	14,400	.....
Non-Resident Trapping	6	40	240	40	240	.....
Duplicates	836	1	836	2	1,672	836
Sub-Totals .....	.....	.....	\$2,961,821	.....	\$4,032,885	\$1,064,842
Commercial Licenses and Fees .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Totals .....	.....	.....	\$44,850	.....	\$86,585	\$41,735
Grand Totals .....	.....	.....	.....	\$3,006,681	\$4,113,258	\$1,106,577