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Bill No. A1518

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1518

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 20, 1982

By Assemblymen WEIDEL, JANISZEWSKI, GORMAN
and MARKERT

AN ACT concerning fish and game licenses, amending parts of the
statutory law and supplementing Title 23 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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

2 23:3-3. The division may, in its discretion, issue a license to a
3 citizen of the United States above 10 years and below 14 years of
4 age, who has successfully completed a course in gun or bow and
5 arrow safety, as the case may be, as required in accordance with
6 this title, when applied for by his parent or legal guardian, authoriz-
7 ing him to hunt only when accompanied by a holder, above 21 years
8 of age, of a regular residents' or nonresidents' firearm or bow and
9 arrow license, as the case may be. This license shall be void after
10 December 31 next succeeding its issuance. The fee for this license
11 shall be **[\$2.00]** \$2.50, or as adjusted by the Fish and Game Council
12 pursuant to section 12 of P. L., c. . . . (C.) (now
13 pending before the Legislature as *Assembly* Bill No. *1518* of
14 1982). These fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer, and
15 placed to the credit of the "hunters' and anglers' license fund," and
16 be disbursed by the State Treasurer on vouchers certified by the
17 division.

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 a person above 14 years of age, who has
4 an actual and bona fide domicile in this State at the time of the
5 application for the license and who has had an actual and bona fide

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

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Assembly committee amendments adopted June 21, 1982.**

6 domicile in this State for at least 6 months immediately prior
 7 thereto, provided that for a residents' trapping license the person
 8 shall be above 12 years of age. These licenses shall be of five
 9 kinds and designated as the residents' firearm hunting license,
 10 the residents' bow and arrow license, the residents' trapping li-
 11 cense, the residents' fishing license and the residents' family fishing
 12 license. The Fish and Game Council in the Division of Fish, Game
 13 and **[Shell Fisheries]** *Wildlife* of the Department of Environ-
 14 mental Protection shall have the authority to adopt and promulgate
 15 regulations for 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 **[\$13.50]** *\$16.25*
 18 and an issuance fee of \$0.50 shall be charged therefor, except that a
 19 person 14 or 15 years of age and a person above the age of 65 shall
 20 be charged a fee of **[\$7.00]** *\$8.50* and an issuance fee of \$0.50. The
 21 residents' bow and arrow license shall authorize its holder to hunt
 22 with bow and arrow only, and a fee of **[\$15.00]** *\$18.00* and an issu-
 23 ance fee of \$0.50 shall be charged therefor, except that a person 14
 24 or 15 years of age and a person above the age of 65 shall be charged
 25 a fee of **[\$8.00]** *\$9.50* and an issuance fee of \$0.50. The residents'
 26 trapping license shall authorize its holder to trap only, and a fee of
 27 **[\$20.00]** *\$24.00* and an issuance fee of \$0.50 shall be charged there-
 28 for, except that a person 12, 13, 14 or 15 years of age shall be
 29 charged a fee of **[\$10.00]** *\$12.00* and an issuance fee of \$0.50. The
 30 residents' fishing license shall authorize its holder to fish only, and
 31 a fee of **[\$9.00]** *\$10.75* and an issuance fee of \$0.50 shall be charged
 32 therefor except that in any case where the applicant is 70 or more
 33 years of age and is otherwise qualified no fee shall be charged and
 34 a person 14 or 15 years of age and a person above the age of 65
 35 shall be charged a fee of **[\$5.00]** *\$6.00* and an issuance fee of \$0.50.

36 The residents' family fishing license shall authorize the parents
 37 or guardians and their children, foster children or wards between
 38 the ages of 14 and 18, named therein, to fish only. The fee for the
 39 parent license permitting fishing only by the father or mother, or
 40 both, or the guardian shall be **[\$12.00]** *\$14.50* with an issuance fee
 41 of \$0.50; and each child, foster child or ward named therein shall be
 42 required to have and shall be issued an individual supplementary
 43 license as a member of such family at a fee of **[\$1.00]** *\$1.25* and an
 44 issuance fee of \$0.50. The license shall be invalid from the date of
 45 its issuance when issued to a person not entitled thereto. Any
 46 person, a resident of this State, who is afflicted with total blindness,
 47 upon application to the Division of Fish, Game and **[Shell Fish-**
 48 **eries]** *Wildlife* shall be entitled to a residents' fishing license with-
 49 out fee or charge.

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

58 The fee for the nonresidents' firearm hunting license and the
 59 nonresidents' bow and arrow license shall each be, ~~[\$40.00]~~ \$55.00
 60 and an issuance fee of \$0.50.

61 The fee for the nonresidents' trapping license shall be ~~[\$100.00]~~
 62 \$120.00 and an issuance fee of \$0.50. The fee for a nonresidents'
 63 2-day small game firearm hunting license shall be ~~[\$15.00]~~ \$18.00
 64 and an issuance fee of \$0.50.

65 c. A license issued to a person above 14 years of age not entitled
 66 to a residents' license, authorizing him to fish only. These licenses
 67 shall be designated as the nonresidents' fishing license and the
 68 nonresidents' 7-day vacation fishing license valid for a period of 7
 69 consecutive days. The fee for these licenses shall be ~~[\$14.00]~~ \$16.75
 70 for the annual fishing license, together with an issuance fee of \$0.50
 71 and ~~[\$7.00]~~ \$8.50 and an issuance fee of \$0.50 for the 7-day vacation
 72 fishing license.

73 Every license issued hereunder shall be void after December 31,
 74 next succeeding its issuance excepting the 1-day hunting license
 75 which shall expire on the date of issuance, the nonresidents' and
 76 7-day fishing license which is valid only for 7 consecutive days after
 77 date of issuance, and the nonresidents' 2-day small game firearm
 78 hunting license which shall expire on the day after the date of
 79 issuance.

80 *The fees for licenses set forth above may be adjusted by the Fish*
 81 *and Game Council as provided in section 12 of P. L., c. . . .*
 82 *(C.) (now pending before the Legislature as *Assembly**
 83 *Bill No. *1518* of 1982).*

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 person
 4 above the age of 14 years authorizing him to hunt for 1 day only
 5 on areas licensed under subdivisions B. and D. of ~~[section]~~ R. S.
 6 23:3-29, or at a shoot to kill field trial which is being held under a
 7 proper permit from the division. The fee for this license shall be
 8 ~~[\$4.00]~~ \$4.75, or as adjusted by the Fish and Game Council pur-
 9 suant to section . . of P. L., c. . . . (C.) (now

10 *pending before the Legislature as *Assembly* Bill No. *1518* of*
 11 *1982*), and an issuance fee of \$0.50 shall be charged therefor. The
 12 fees collected hereunder shall be remitted to the State Treasurer,
 13 and placed to the credit of the "hunters' and anglers' license fund,"
 14 and be disbursed by the State Treasurer on vouchers certified to by
 15 the division.

1 4. R. S. 23:3-25 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-25. The fee for this stamp shall be \$2.00, *or as adjusted*
 3 *by the Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P. L. ,*
 4 *c. . . . (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as*
 5 **Assembly* Bill No. *1518* of 1982).* The amounts remitted to the
 6 State Treasury for stamps issued under **[section]** R. S. 23:3-24
 7 **[of this Title]** shall be placed to the credit of the "hunters' and
 8 anglers' license fund," mentioned in **[section]** R. S. 23:3-12 **[of this**
 9 **Title]**.

1 5. R. S. 23:3-29 is amended to read as follows:

2 23:3-29. A person desiring to engage in the business of raising
 3 and selling game birds or game animals, or both, in a wholly en-
 4 closed preserve of which he is the owner or lessee, or to have in
 5 captivity game birds or game animals, shall apply in writing to the
 6 division for a license to do so. The license fee shall be \$5.00 per
 7 annum for each of the above purposes. A person desiring to
 8 propagate pheasants, partridge, or quail, or any of them, in a semi-
 9 wild state on lands of which he is the owner or lessee, shall apply
 10 in writing to the division for a license to do so. The license fee
 11 shall be \$50.00 per annum. No two or more noncontiguous tracts of
 12 land may be covered under the same license.

13 The division, when it appears that the application is made in
 14 good faith, and is in the public interest, may, upon the payment of
 15 the fee for each license, issue to the applicant such of the follow-
 16 ing license or licenses as may be applied for:

17 a. Propagating license permitting the licensee to propagate
 18 game birds or game animals, or both, in the wholly enclosed pre-
 19 serve the location of which is stated in the license and the applica-
 20 tion therefor, and to sell such propagated game birds or game ani-
 21 mals, or both, and ship them from the State alive at any time and
 22 to kill the same and sell the carcasses for food subject to the condi-
 23 tions prescribed by **[sections]** R. S. 23:3-28 to 23:3-39 **[of this**
 24 **Title]**, *inclusive*;

25 b. License to propagate pheasants, partridge, or quail, or any of
 26 them, in a semiwild state on lands of which the applicant is the
 27 owner or lessee, when the applicant shall have produced evidence
 28 satisfactory to the division that he will raise, or purchase for

29 liberation, and liberate on the semiwild preserve at least one
 30 pheasant, quail, partridge or combination thereof for each acre of
 31 land to be licensed or at least 200 pheasants, quail or partridge or
 32 combination thereof between November 1 of the year for which the
 33 license is issued and the following February 28;

34 c. License to keep game birds and animals in captivity; or

35 d. A person desiring to operate a "commercial pheasant, quail
 36 and partridge-shooting preserve" on lands of which he is the owner
 37 or bona fide lessee shall apply in writing to the division for a license
 38 so to do. The license fee shall be \$200.00 per annum and the form
 39 of the application and license shall be determined by the division.

40 The division may, upon payment of the fee, issue to the applicant
 41 such a license when it appears that:

42 (1) The operation of such shooting preserve shall not conflict
 43 with a prior reasonable public interest; and

44 (2) The applicant shall have produced evidence satisfactory to
 45 the division that he will raise or purchase for liberation and liberate
 46 on the shooting preserve a total of at least 500 pheasants, quail and
 47 partridge or combination thereof between September 1 of the year
 48 for which the license was issued and the following March 15.

49 e. *The fees for licenses set forth in this section may be adjusted*
 50 *by the Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P. L. ,*
 51 *c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as*
 52 **Assembly* Bill No. *1518* of 1982).*

1 6. Section 1 of P. L. 1959, c. 37 (C. 23:3-56.1) is amended to read
 2 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, the
 7 division is authorized to charge a fee of \$10.00, *or as adjusted by*
 8 *the Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P. L. ,*
 9 *c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as*
 10 **Assembly* Bill No. *1518* of 1982) for each license so issued,*
 11 which fee shall be in addition to any other fees authorized by law.
 12 No such fee shall be required of the occupant of a farm in this State,
 13 who actually resides thereon, or the immediate members of his
 14 family who also reside thereon, provided such person or persons
 15 are otherwise authorized to participate in such limited harvest.
 16 The exemption of this paragraph shall not apply to a person resid-
 17 ing on the farm or in a tenant house thereon who is not a member
 18 of the occupant's family, nor to a servant of the occupant.

1 7. 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 ~~[\$4.00]~~ \$4.75 for residents and
 4 ~~[\$8.00]~~ \$9.50 for nonresidents *or as adjusted by the Fish and Game*
 5 *Council pursuant to section of P. L., c. . . . (C.)*
 6 *(now pending before the Legislature as *Assembly* Bill No. *1518**
 7 *of 1982)*. The amounts remitted to the State treasury for stamps
 8 issued under this law shall be placed to the credit of the "hunters'
 9 and anglers' license fund" mentioned in R. S. 23:3-12.

1 8. 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 \$15.00 *or as adjusted by the*
 4 *Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P. L.,*
 5 *c. . . . (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as*
 6 **Assembly* Bill No. *1518* of 1982)*. The amounts remitted to the
 7 State Treasury for special pheasant and quail stamps shall be
 8 deposited to the credit of the "hunters' and anglers' license fund."

1 9. Section 2 of P. L. 1970, c. 247 (C. 23:3-63) is amended to read
 2 as follows:

3 2. (a) The division may, in its discretion, after application on
 4 forms furnished by it, issue to an owner of such fishing preserve
 5 waters a fishing preserve license permitting the holder thereof to
 6 manage such fishing preserve waters and to possess, propagate
 7 and rear, and to take or permit others to take therefrom, fish therein
 8 legally propagated or acquired. Such license shall expire on
 9 December 31 in the year it was issued unless previously revoked.
 10 A separate license is required for each body of water defined herein
 11 as fishing preserve waters. Two or more ponds under one owner-
 12 ship, supplied by one common water source and located on one
 13 continuous parcel of land, shall be considered as one body of water
 14 requiring one license.

15 (b) The license so issued shall: contain the name of the town
 16 and county in which such fishing preserve waters are located;
 17 specify the species of fish authorized to be stocked therein; au-
 18 thorize the licensee to stock, propagate, raise and release such fish
 19 in such licensed fishing preserve waters and to buy, sell or other-
 20 wise traffic in fish taken therefrom; specify the manner of tagging
 21 fish taken from the licensed waters; specify the means of acquisi-
 22 tion of fish stocked therein.

23 (c) The license may also: authorize the licensee to control un-
 24 desirable protected fish, wildlife and insects and specify means of
 25 control of same; specify such other restrictions and controls for
 26 the management of fishing preserve waters as in the judgment of
 27 the division may be deemed advisable for proper fish management.

28 (d) The fee for the license shall be \$150.00 per year, *or as*

29 *adjusted by the Fish and Game Council pursuant to section 12 of*
 30 *P. L., c. . . . (C.) (now pending before the*
 31 *Legislature as *Assembly* Bill No. *1518* of 1982), payable at the*
 32 *time application is made.*

33 (e) The division may for cause, revoke or suspend the license of
 34 any licensee.

1 10. Section 5 of P. L. 1970, c. 247 (C. 23:3-66) is amended to read
 2 as follows:

3 5. (a) All fish stocked in the waters of the fishing preserve in
 4 accordance with paragraph (b) of section 2 of this act that are
 5 taken from the licensed fishing preserve waters, shall be immedi-
 6 ately tagged as prescribed in the license or by order of the division.
 7 Such tags shall be furnished by the division and sold to the licensee
 8 at the cost of \$0.05 per tag, *or as adjusted by the Fish and Game*
 9 *Council pursuant to section of P. L., c. . . . (C.)*
 10 *(now pending before the Legislature as *Assembly* Bill No. *1518**
 11 *of 1982).*

12 (b) The tag so affixed shall not be removed from the fish until
 13 the same is finally prepared for consumption.

14 (c) No fish, required to be tagged as specified in paragraph (a)
 15 of this section, taken pursuant to this act, shall be possessed off
 16 the premises of the fishing preserve without such tag, and no person
 17 shall sell such fish without such tag attached, except for scientific,
 18 exhibition or stocking purposes.

19 (d) Fish taken from such fishing preserves and tagged as pro-
 20 vided in this section, may be possessed, bought, sold and offered
 21 for sale, and transported without restriction. Fish raised or
 22 possessed under license issued under this act may be sold at any
 23 time for scientific, exhibition, propagation or stocking purposes.

1 11. (New section) a. The Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife
 2 shall issue a special license combining the residents' firearm hunting
 3 license, the residents' bow and arrow license and the residents' fish-
 4 ing license as provided under R. S. 23:3-4***[** and the "special trout
 5 fishing stamp" as provided in P. L. 1952, c. 328 (C. 23:3-57 et
 6 seq.)**]*** into one license to be designated as the "All Around Sports-
 7 man License."

8 b. The "All Around Sportsman License" shall authorize its holder
 9 to hunt with a shotgun or bow and arrow and to angle or attempt to
 10 take fish***[**, including trout,**]*** in the fresh waters of this State at the
 11 time, and in the manner provided by law and the State Fish and
 12 Game Code*, *except that this license shall not authorize its holder*
 12A *to take trout from the fresh waters of the State*.*

13 c. A resident of this State above the age of 16 years may procure

14 the "All Around Sportsman License" from the Division of Fish,
 15 Game and Wildlife at Trenton or from its agents as designated by
 16 the division. It shall not be valid unless it contains the signature
 17 of the owner written in ink. Each license issued under this section
 18 shall expire on December 31 next following its issuance.

19 d. The division shall determine the form of the "All Around
 20 Sportsman License." The fee for this license shall be *~~[\$47.50]~~*
 21 *\$42.75* and an issuance fee of \$0.50 or as adjusted by the Fish and
 22 Game Council pursuant to section 12 of P. L. . . . , c. . . . (C.
 23) (now pending before the Legislature as *Assembly*
 24 Bill No. *1518* of 1982). The amounts remitted to the State
 25 Treasury from the collection of this fee shall be deposited to the
 26 credit of the "hunters and anglers license fund."

1 12. (New section) For each calendar year from 1984 to 1986, in-
 2 clusive, the Fish and Game Council may, by regulation adopted by
 3 October 1 of the preceding year, determine the fees for hunting,
 4 fishing and trapping licenses, permits, tags, certificates and stamps
 5 under R. S. 23:3-3, R. S. 23:3-4, section 2 of P. L. 1951, c. 226 (C.
 6 23:3-4.1) R. S. 23:3-25, R. S. 23:3-29, section 1 of P. L. 1959, c. 37
 7 (C. 23:3-56.1), section 3 of P. L. 1952, c. 328 (C. 23:3-89), section 3
 8 of P. L. 1975, c. 117 (C. 23:3-61.3), section 2 of P. L. 1970, c. 247
 9 (C. 23:3-63), section 5 of P. L. 1970, c. 247 (C. 23:3-66) and section
 10 11 of P. L. . . . , c. . . . (C.) (now pending before the
 11 Legislature as *Assembly* Bill No. *1518* of 1982), the following
 12 manner:

13 a. The amount of the applicable fee of September 30 *~~[of each~~
 14 year preceding an adjustment]* *1983* shall be the base fee.

15 b. The base fee may be adjusted by adding to that base fee an
 16 amount equal to a percentage of the base fee as determined by the
 17 Fish and Game Council provided, however, that the *~~[percentage]~~*
 18 *amount* *~~[applied]~~* *added* in any 1 year shall not exceed *an
 19 amount equal to* 10% *of the base fee*.

20 c. Any adjustment in fees shall be rounded to the nearest \$0.25.

1 13. This act shall take effect immediately *and shall be applicable*
 2 *to licenses granted for calendar year 1983 and thereafter, but sec-*
 3 *tion 12 shall remain inoperative until September 30, 1983*.*

15 Game and Wildlife at Trenton or from its agents as designated by
 16 the division. It shall not be valid unless it contains the signature
 17 of the owner written in ink. Each license issued under this section
 18 shall expire on December 31 next following its issuance.

19 d. The division shall determine the form of the "All Around
 20 Sportsman License." The fee for this license shall be \$47.50 and
 21 an issuance fee of \$0.50 or as adjusted by the Fish and Game
 22 Council pursuant to section 12 of P. L., c. . . . (C.)
 23 (now pending before the Legislature as Bill No. of
 24 1982). The amounts remitted to the State Treasury from the collec-
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 26 anglers license fund."

1 12. (New section) For each calendar year from 1984 to 1986, in-
 2 clusive, the Fish and Game Council may, by regulation adopted by
 3 October 1 of the preceding year, determine the fees for hunting,
 4 fishing and trapping licenses, permits, tags, certificates and stamps
 5 under R. S. 23:3-3, R. S. 23:3-4, section 2 of P. L. 1951, c. 226 (C.
 6 23:3-4.1) R. S. 23:3-25, R. S. 23:3-29, section 1 of P. L. 1959, c. 37
 7 (C. 23:3-56.1), section 3 of P. L. 1952, c. 328 (C. 23:3-89), section 3
 8 of P. L. 1975, c. 117 (C. 23:3-61.3), section 2 of P. L. 1970, c. 247
 9 (C. 23:3-63), section 5 of P. L. 1970, c. 247 (C. 23:3-66) and section
 10 11 of P. L., c. . . . (C.) (now pending before the
 11 Legislature as Bill No. of 1982), the following
 12 manner:

13 a. The amount of the applicable fee on September 30 of each year
 14 preceding an adjustment shall be the base fee.

15 b. The base fee may be adjusted by adding to that base fee an
 16 amount equal to a percentage of the base fee as determined by the
 17 Fish and Game Council provided, however, that the percentage
 18 applied in any 1 year shall not exceed 10%.

19 c. Any adjustment in fees shall be rounded to the nearest \$0.25.

1 13. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would increase certain hunting and fishing fees and would permit the State Fish and Game Council to increase these and other license, certificate, permit, tag, and stamp fees by up to 10% per year for the years 1984 through 1986.

In addition, the bill would create an "All Around Sportsman License" which would provide an alternative to purchasing several individual licenses.

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ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1518
with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 21, 1982

This bill would increase the fee for most of the hunting and fishing licenses issued by the State by various amounts ranging from \$.50 to \$4.00 for residents licenses and from \$3.00 to \$20.00 for nonresidents licenses. The bill also authorizes the Fish and Game Council to raise 1984, 1985 and 1986 license fees an amount up to 10% over the 1983 fee. The setting of hunting and fishing licenses has historically been the prerogative of the Legislature.

The bill also established an "All Around Sportsmens License" which, for a fee of \$47.50, would give its holder the same rights and privilege as the residents' firearm hunting license, bow and arrow license and fishing license.

The Assembly Agriculture and Environment Committee amended the bill to exclude the trout stamp from the All Around Sportsmen License and to drop the fee therefor from \$47.50 to \$42.75. Also, to avoid confusion in the licensing year next following enactment, the committee amended the bill to render section 12 inoperative until September 1983.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1518

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 23, 1982

In its present form, this bill would increase the fee for most of the hunting and fishing licenses issued by the State by various amounts ranging from \$.50 to \$4.00 for residents licenses and from \$3.00 to \$20.00 for nonresidents licenses. The Fish and Game Council would be authorized to raise 1984, 1985 and 1986 license fees 10% over the 1983 fee. The settling of hunting and fishing licenses has historically been the prerogative of the Legislature.

An "All Around Sportsman License" would be established which, for a fee of \$42.75, would give its holder the same rights and privileges as the residents' firearm hunting license, bow and arrow license and fishing license, except that the rights and privileges given to holders of a trout stamp not be extended to holders of the "All Around Sportsman License". Also, to avoid confusion in the licensing year next following enactment, the bill renders section 12 inoperative until September 1983.

FISCAL NOTE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1518
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 29, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 1518 (OCR), of 1982, would increase the fee for most of the hunting and fishing licenses. It would also authorize the Fish and Game Council to raise 1984, 1985, and 1986 license fees. (The setting of license fees has historically been the prerogative of the Legislature.) The bill would also establish an "All Around Sportsmens License."

The Department of Environmental Protection estimates additional revenue from increased license fees as follows:

FY 1983	\$310,000.00*
FY 1984	651,000.00**
FY 1985	713,000.00**
FY 1986	775,000.00**

* As set by the Legislature.

** As set by the Fish and Game Council and represents a 10% increase annually.

The total estimated 1982 income from hunting and fishing licenses is \$5.34 million.

The Office of Legislative Services concurs.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1980, c. 67.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

CONTACT: PAUL WOLCOTT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1982

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

A-1518, sponsored by Assemblyman Karl Weidel, R-Mercer, which increase some hunting and fishing license fees, and permits the creation of an "All Round Sportsmen License" which would allow the purchaser to participate in freshwater fishing, including trout, firearm hunting and bow-and-arrow hunting. Revenue from increased license fees will go to fund Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife programs.

A-664, sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara F. Kalik, D-Burlington, known as the "Food Bank Good Samaritan Act." This bill provides immunity from liability to any donor or gatherer of prepared or perishable food who gives it to a non-profit organization. The bill also requires that all food banks be licensed by the Department of Health.

A-1400, sponsored by Assemblyman Christopher J. Jackman, D-Hudson, which permits municipalities to dissolve municipal port authorities without the consent of port authority members.

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