

House Bill 815

By: Representatives Lane of the 101st, Walker of the 115th, Barnes of the 84th, Post 2, Warren of the 99th, Brock of the 5th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so
2 as to change certain provisions relating to effective dates of hunting, fishing, and trapping
3 licenses generally; to change certain provisions relating to licenses for archery and primitive
4 weapons hunting, all weapons hunting licenses, license card carrier requirement, and lifetime
5 sportsmen's licenses; to change certain provisions relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp
6 fees; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, is amended by
10 striking Code Section 27-2-3, relating to effective dates of hunting, fishing, and trapping
11 licenses generally, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "27-2-3.

13 Except as otherwise specifically provided, all season hunting, fishing, and trapping
14 licenses, including without limitation commercial fishing boat licenses issued pursuant to
15 Code Section 27-2-8, shall be effective ~~from April 1 to March 31 of the following year for~~
16 12 months from the date of issue."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 27-2-3.1, relating to
19 licenses for archery and primitive weapons hunting, all weapons hunting licenses, license
20 card carrier requirement, and lifetime sportsmen's licenses, and inserting in lieu thereof the
21 following:

22 ~~"(b) The requirements in this title for procuring licenses for archery, primitive weapons,~~
23 ~~big game, and small game hunting shall be satisfied by a resident who purchases an all~~
24 ~~weapons hunting license. Such license does not satisfy the obligation to obtain a wildlife~~

1 management area license, an official Georgia waterfowl license, or a migratory bird license
 2 Reserved."

3 **SECTION 3A.**

4 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 27-2-23, relating to license, permit,
 5 tag, and stamp fees, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 "27-2-23.

7 Fees for licenses, permits, tags, and stamps required by this title shall be as follows:

8 (1) Hunting licenses:

9	(A) Resident hunting license	Season <u>Annual</u>	\$ 10.00
10	(B) Nonresident hunting license	Season <u>Annual</u>	59.00
11	(C) Nonresident hunting license	Seven-day	25.00
12	(D) Hunting license, valid for residents		
13	and nonresidents	One-day	5.50
14	(E) Resident archery license	Season	8.00
15	(F) Nonresident archery license	Season	25.00
16	(G) <u>(E)</u> Resident big game license	Season <u>Annual</u>	9.00
17	(H) <u>(F)</u> Nonresident big game license	Season <u>Annual</u>	118.00
18	(I) <u>(G)</u> Nonresident shooting preserve		
19	hunting license	Season	12.00
20	(J) <u>(H)</u> Commercial fox hunting preserve		
21	license	Season	60.00
22	(K) <u>(I)</u> Commercial fox breeder license	Season	60.00
23	(L) <u>(J)</u> Waterfowl license valid for residents		
24	and nonresidents	Season <u>Annual</u>	5.50
25	(M) <u>(K)</u> Georgia migratory bird license	Season <u>Annual</u>	Free
26	(N) Resident all weapons hunting license	Season	26.00
27	(O) <u>(L)</u> Resident primitive weapons license	Season <u>Annual</u>	8.00
28	(P) <u>(M)</u> Nonresident primitive weapons license	Season <u>Annual</u>	25.00
29	(2) Resident hunting/fishing license	Season <u>Annual</u>	17.00
30	(3) Resident sportsman's license	Season <u>Annual</u>	60.00
31	(4) Recreational fishing licenses:		
32	(A) Resident fishing license	Season <u>Annual</u>	9.00
33	(B) Nonresident fishing license	Season <u>Annual</u>	24.00
34	(C) Nonresident fishing license	Seven-day	7.00

1	(D) Fishing license, valid for residents		
2	and nonresidents	One-day	3.50
3	(E) Resident trout license	Season <u>Annual</u>	5.00
4	(F) Nonresident trout license	Season <u>Annual</u>	13.00
5	(5) Trapping licenses:		
6	(A) Resident commercial trapping license	Annual	30.00
7	(B) Nonresident commercial trapping license	Annual	295.00
8	(6) Commercial fishing licenses:		
9	(A) Resident commercial fishing license	Season	12.00
10	(B) Nonresident commercial fishing license	Season	118.00
11	(C) Resident commercial crabbing license	Season	12.00
12	(D) Nonresident commercial crabbing license	Season	118.00
13	(7) Fur, hide, and pelt licenses:		
14	(A) Resident fur dealer license	Annual	295.00
15	(B) Nonresident fur dealer license	Annual	415.00
16	(C) Fur dealer's agent license	Annual	180.00
17	(8) Miscellaneous licenses and permits:		
18	(A) Retail fish dealer license	Annual	10.00
19	(B) Wholesale fish dealer license	Annual	59.00
20	(C) Resident game-holding permit	Annual	5.00
21	(D) Commercial quail breeder permit	Annual	30.00
22	(E) Scientific collecting permit	Annual	50.00
23	(F) Wildlife exhibition permit	Annual	59.00
24	(G) Commercial shooting preserve license	Annual	150.00
25	(H) Private shooting preserve license	Annual	75.00
26	(I) Blanket commercial shooting preserve		
27	license	Annual	500.00
28	(J) Commercial fish hatchery license	Annual	59.00
29	(K) Catch-out pond license	Annual	236.00
30	(L) Soft-shell crab dealer license	Annual	10.00
31	(M) Resident taxidermist license	Three-year	150.00
32	(N) Nonresident taxidermist license	Three-year	500.00
33	(O) Falconry permit	Three-year	30.00
34	(P) Commercial alligator farming license	Annual	50.00
35	(Q) Alligator hunting license	Season <u>Annual</u>	50.00

1	(R) Wild animal license	Annual	236.00
2	(S) Wild animal auction license	Seven-day	5,000.00
3	(T) Resident bait dealer license	Season	25.00
4	(U) Nonresident bait dealer license	Season	150.00

5 (9) The board is authorized to provide by rule for a fee not to exceed \$19.00 for resident
6 daily, seasonal, or annual use permits, licenses, or stamps to hunt and fish on or otherwise
7 use specially designated streams, lakes, or wildlife management areas or a fee not to
8 exceed \$73.00 for nonresident permits, licenses, or stamps issued under this paragraph."

9 **SECTION 3B.**

10 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 27-2-23, relating to license, permit,
11 tag, and stamp fees, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "27-2-23.

13 Fees for licenses, permits, tags, and stamps required by this title shall be as follows:

14 (1) Hunting licenses:

15	(A) Resident hunting license	Season <u>Annual</u>	\$ 8.50
16	(B) Nonresident hunting license	Season <u>Annual</u>	50.00
17	(C) Nonresident hunting license	Seven-day	21.00
18	(D) Hunting license, valid for residents		
19	and nonresidents	One-day	5.50
20	(E) Resident archery license	Season	6.50
21	(F) Nonresident archery license	Season	21.00
22	(G) <u>(E)</u> Resident big game license	Season <u>Annual</u>	7.50
23	(H) <u>(F)</u> Nonresident big game license	Season <u>Annual</u>	100.00
24	(I) <u>(G)</u> Nonresident shooting preserve		
25	hunting license	Season	10.00
26	(J) <u>(H)</u> Commercial fox hunting preserve		
27	license	Season	50.00
28	(K) <u>(I)</u> Commercial fox breeder license	Season	50.00
29	(L) <u>(J)</u> Waterfowl license valid for residents		
30	and nonresidents	Season <u>Annual</u>	5.50
31	(M) <u>(K)</u> Georgia migratory bird license	Season <u>Annual</u>	Free
32	(N) Resident all weapons hunting license	Season	26.00
33	(O) <u>(L)</u> Resident primitive weapons license	Season <u>Annual</u>	8.00
34	(P) <u>(M)</u> Nonresident primitive weapons license	Season <u>Annual</u>	25.00

1	(2) Resident hunting/fishing license	Season <u>Annual</u>	15.50
2	(3) Resident sportsman's license	Season <u>Annual</u>	60.00
3	(4) Recreational fishing licenses:		
4	(A) Resident fishing license	Season <u>Annual</u>	7.50
5	(B) Nonresident fishing license	Season <u>Annual</u>	20.00
6	(C) Nonresident fishing license	Seven-day	7.00
7	(D) Fishing license, valid for residents		
8	and nonresidents	One-day	3.50
9	(E) Resident trout license	Season <u>Annual</u>	3.50
10	(F) Nonresident trout license	Season <u>Annual</u>	10.50
11	(5) Trapping licenses:		
12	(A) Resident commercial trapping license	Annual	25.00
13	(B) Nonresident commercial trapping license	Annual	250.00
14	(6) Commercial fishing licenses:		
15	(A) Resident commercial fishing license	Season	10.00
16	(B) Nonresident commercial fishing license	Season	100.25
17	(C) Resident commercial crabbing license	Season	12.00
18	(D) Nonresident commercial crabbing license	Season	118.00
19	(7) Fur, hide, and pelt licenses:		
20	(A) Resident fur dealer license	Annual	250.00
21	(B) Nonresident fur dealer license	Annual	350.00
22	(C) Fur dealer's agent license	Annual	150.00
23	(8) Miscellaneous licenses and permits:		
24	(A) Retail fish dealer license	Annual	5.00
25	(B) Wholesale fish dealer license	Annual	50.00
26	(C) Resident game-holding permit	Annual	2.50
27	(D) Commercial quail breeder permit	Annual	25.00
28	(E) Scientific collecting permit	Annual	5.00
29	(F) Wildlife exhibition permit	Annual	50.00
30	(G) Commercial shooting preserve license	Annual	25.00
31	(H) Private shooting preserve license	Annual	10.00
32	(I) Blanket commercial shooting preserve		
33	license	Annual	500.00
34	(J) Commercial fish hatchery license	Annual	50.00
35	(K) Catch-out pond license	Annual	200.00

1	(L) Soft-shell crab dealer license	Annual	10.00
2	(M) Resident taxidermist license	Three-year	150.00
3	(N) Nonresident taxidermist license	Three-year	500.00
4	(O) Falconry permit	Three-year	30.00
5	(P) Commercial alligator farming license	Annual	25.00
6	(Q) Alligator hunting license	Season <u>Annual</u>	50.00
7	(R) Wild animal license	Annual	200.00
8	(S) Wild animal auction license	Seven-day	5,000.00
9	(T) Resident bait dealer license	Season	25.00
10	(U) Nonresident bait dealer license	Season	150.00

11 (9) The board is authorized to provide by rule for a fee not to exceed \$15.60 for resident
 12 daily, seasonal, or annual use permits, licenses, or stamps to hunt and fish on or otherwise
 13 use specially designated streams, lakes, or wildlife management areas or a fee not to
 14 exceed \$61.25 for nonresident permits, licenses, or stamps issued under this paragraph."

15 **SECTION 4.**

16 This Act shall become effective on February 29, 2004, except that Section 3B of this Act
 17 shall become effective on March 31, 2012.

18 **SECTION 5.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.