

House Bill 1362 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Parrish of the 102nd, Hanner of the 133rd, Oliver of the 121st, Post 2, Morris of the 120th, Barnard of the 121st, Post 1, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-2-3.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 archery and primitive weapons hunting licenses, all weapons hunting licenses, sportsman's
3 licenses, license card carrier requirements, and lifetime sportsman's licenses, so as to change
4 certain provisions relating to lifetime sportsman's licenses; to provide for lifetime
5 sportsman's licenses for certain nonresidents; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 27-2-3.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to archery and
10 primitive weapons hunting licenses, all weapons hunting licenses, sportsman's licenses,
11 license card carrier requirements, and lifetime sportsman's licenses, is amended by striking
12 subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(e) The requirements in this title for procuring any license, stamp, or permit for
14 noncommercial hunting and fishing privileges shall be satisfied by a resident or nonresident
15 who procures a lifetime sportsman's license. An applicant for such license who is a resident
16 shall, prior to the issuance of the license, provide satisfactory evidence of residency. An
17 applicant for such license who is a nonresident shall not be eligible for issuance of such
18 license unless he or she is under 16 years of age and is the grandchild of a resident who
19 holds a valid paid lifetime sportsman's license. The resident grandparent who holds such
20 a lifetime sportsman's license and who is the sponsor of a nonresident applicant for a
21 lifetime sportsman's license must certify the nonresident applicant's relationship to him or
22 her in writing to the department. For purposes of procuring a lifetime sportsman's license,
23 the term 'residency' means a domicile within Georgia for a minimum of 12 consecutive
24 months immediately prior to procuring such license. Satisfactory evidence of residency
25 shall consist of a current Georgia driver's license or official Georgia identification card
26 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety and at least one of the following:

27 (1) A voter registration card;

- 1 (2) A copy of the prior year's Georgia income tax return;
 2 (3) A current Georgia automobile registration; or
 3 (4) A warranty deed to property at the same address as is displayed on the Georgia
 4 driver's license.

5 Minors under 18 years of age shall be presumed to be residents upon proof of parent's
 6 residency as provided for in this Code section. For purposes of procuring the Type I
 7 (Infant) lifetime license, a certified copy of the birth certificate of the licensee shall be
 8 required.

9 (f)(1) Lifetime sportsman's licenses and fees for residents shall be as follows:

10 ~~(1)(A)~~ Type I (Infant), available only to those individuals under two years of age:
 11 \$200.00;

12 ~~(2)(B)~~ Type Y (Youth), available only to those individuals from two through 15 years
 13 of age: \$350.00;

14 ~~(3)(C)~~ Type A (Adult), available to those individuals 16 years of age or older: \$500.00;

15 and

16 (D) Type SD (Senior Discount), available to those individuals 60 years of age or older:
 17 \$95.00; and

18 ~~(4)(E)~~ Type S (Senior), available to those individuals 65 years of age or older: no
 19 charge.

20 (2) The fee for any lifetime sportsman's license for a nonresident, Type NR, shall be
 21 twice the amount of the fee for a Type A (Adult) lifetime sportsman's license for a
 22 resident.

23 (g) Lifetime sportsman's licenses shall be valid for the lifetime of the purchaser, whether
 24 resident or nonresident. Change of residency to another state shall not affect the validity
 25 of the lifetime license when hunting or fishing in Georgia.

26 (h) ~~Any~~ The commissioner shall revoke the lifetime sportsman's license of any person
 27 who knowingly attempts to or does purchase ~~or obtain~~, obtain, or assist another person to
 28 obtain a lifetime sportsman's license by fraudulent means ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~
 29 ~~Upon conviction, in addition to other penalties as provided for by law, his or her lifetime~~
 30 ~~license shall be revoked by operation of law,~~ without refund of any fees paid."

31 SECTION 2.

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