

CHAPTER 293

NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE BILL 00-1448

BY REPRESENTATIVES Stengel, Coleman, George, Plant, Saliman, and Tupa;
also SENATORS Wattenberg, Chlouber, Hernandez, and Nichol.

AN ACT

CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN FEES FOR NONRESIDENT BIG GAME LICENSES ISSUED BY THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 33-4-102 (1.4) (l), (1.4) (m), (1.4) (o), (1.4) (p), (1.4) (q), (1.4) (r), (1.4) (s), (1.4) (t), (1.4) (w), and (1.6), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

33-4-102. Types of licenses and fees - repeal. (1.4) Effective January 1, 1991, the division is authorized to issue the following resident and nonresident licenses and shall collect the following fees therefor, except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection (1.6) of this section:

		Fees	
	Resident	Nonresident	
(l) Antelope	20.00	150.00	270.00
(m) Bear, fall	30.00	250.00	450.00
(o) Deer	20.00	150.00	270.00
(p) Elk	30.00	250.00	450.00
(q) Mountain goat	150.00	750.00	1,500.00
(r) Moose	200.00	1,000.00	1,500.00

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(s) Mountain lion	30.00	250.00	450.00
(t) Rocky mountain bighorn sheep	150.00	750.00	1,500.00
(w) Youth big game (deer, elk, antelope)	10.00 each	75.00 each	
	100.00 EACH		

(1.6) (a) By promulgation of appropriate rule, the commission may from time to time authorize the issuance of any of the licenses provided for in this section for a fee less than that specified in this section when in the judgment of the commission one of the following conditions applies:

~~(a)~~ (I) When the commission determines that it would be beneficial to issue such license in conjunction with another type of license and creates a combination license;

~~(b)~~ (II) When the commission determines it is necessary to promote a larger harvest of game than would otherwise occur. Licenses so discounted in order to promote larger harvests of game may be limited to certain geographic areas, by sex, or otherwise limited in order to achieve specific wildlife management goals.

~~(c)~~ (III) When the commission determines that an activity is regulated at both the state and federal levels and that issuance of a multi-year state license or collection of a reduced state annual license fee, or both, would help to coordinate such state and federal regulation and reflect the administrative cost savings realized through such coordination;

~~(d)~~ (IV) When the commission determines pursuant to section 24-75-402 (3), C.R.S., that a reduction in the amount of the fee is necessary to reduce the uncommitted reserves of the fund to which all or any portion of the fee is credited. After the uncommitted reserves of the cash fund are sufficiently reduced, the commission by rule or as otherwise provided by law may increase the amount of the fee as provided in section 24-75-402 (4), C.R.S.

(b) THE NONRESIDENT BIG GAME FEES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1.4) OF THIS SECTION SHALL ANNUALLY BE ADJUSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGES IN THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE DENVER-BOULDER CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, ALL GOODS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX. SUCH ADJUSTMENT SHALL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE COMMISSION NOTIFIES THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF SUCH ADJUSTMENT.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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