

1 SB239  
2 155416-1  
3 By Senator Bedford  
4 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry  
5 First Read: 21-JAN-14

2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, each waterfowl season a  
9 person must purchase a stamp from the judge of  
10 probate or another agent authorized by the  
11 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in  
12 order to hunt waterfowl. The fee for the stamp is  
13 five dollars.

14 This bill would raise the fee for the  
15 waterfowl stamp to ten dollars and would authorize  
16 periodic adjustment of the stamp fee by the  
17 department based on the Consumer Price Index in the  
18 same manner as other hunting and fishing licenses.

19  
20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT

23  
24 To amend Section 9-11-433, Code of Alabama 1975,  
25 relating to issuance of stamps for waterfowl hunting; to raise  
26 the stamp fee and to authorize periodic adjustment of the fee.  
27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1                   Section 1. Section 9-11-433, Code of Alabama 1975,  
2 is amended to read as follows:

3                   "§9-11-433.

4                   "(a) A stamp shall be issued to each hunting license  
5 applicant by the judge of probate or issuing officer of any  
6 county of the state or other authorized license agent as  
7 provided herein upon the payment of a fee of ~~five dollars (\$5)~~  
8 ten dollars (\$10). Each stamp shall be valid for the duration  
9 of one hunting season as established by the department. Stamps  
10 shall be available for sale prior to any waterfowl season,  
11 including any special season which may precede the regular  
12 season. The stamp fee provided in this subsection shall be  
13 subject to periodic adjustments by the Department of  
14 Conservation and Natural Resources based on increases in the  
15 Consumer Price Index in the same manner as other fishing and  
16 hunting licenses and fees are adjusted pursuant to Section  
17 9-11-68.

18                   "(b) The judge of probate, or issuing officer, or  
19 other authorized license agent as provided herein shall be  
20 allowed a fee of one dollar (\$1) for each license issued,  
21 which issuing fee shall be in addition to the cost of the  
22 stamp. In counties where the judge of probate or issuing  
23 officer is on the fee system, the issuing fee shall be  
24 retained by the judge of probate or issuing officer, and in  
25 counties where the judge of probate or issuing officer is on a  
26 salary basis, the fee shall be paid into the county treasury  
27 to the credit of the appropriate fund.

1           "(c) Other license agents as authorized by the  
2 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may issue  
3 migratory waterfowl stamps, provided the other authorized  
4 license agents prepurchase sheets of stamps for resale at face  
5 value plus the issuance fee provided herein. An agent shall  
6 place an initial order for one or more sheets of 10 stamps  
7 each for the license year. At the end of the license period,  
8 the agent may return unsold stamps for a refund."

9           Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
10 first day of the third month following its passage and  
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.