

1 AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 150.175 is amended to read as follows:

4 The kinds of licenses and tags authorized by this chapter, and the acts authorized to be  
5 performed under the licenses and tags, subject to the other provisions of this chapter and  
6 subject to administrative regulations promulgated under this chapter, shall be as follows:

- 7 (1) Statewide resident sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to take fishes  
8 by angling, or take crayfish by a minnow seine, or by hand, to take minnows by the  
9 use of a minnow seine, minnow trap, or dip net, or to take fishes by grabbing,  
10 gigging, snagging, snaring, jugging, and bow and arrow, and to take frogs and  
11 turtles from any waters in any county of this state open for such purposes and  
12 subject to the limitations in this chapter and additional limitations that the  
13 department may from time to time prescribe. This license shall not authorize the  
14 holder to sell fish;
- 15 (2) A short-term sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to perform all acts  
16 authorized by a statewide sport fishing license and subject to the same limitations or  
17 prescribed administrative regulations. This license shall not authorize the holder to  
18 sell fish;
- 19 (3) A resident commercial fishing license and a nonresident commercial fishing license,  
20 which authorize a holder to perform any act authorized by a sport fishing license  
21 and to take rough fishes from the waters of the state by the use of commercial  
22 fishing gear as prescribed by administrative regulation. The license shall also  
23 authorize the holder to sell rough fishes, other than those protected by  
24 administrative regulation;
- 25 (4) A commercial fishing gear tag, which shall be attached to each piece of commercial  
26 fishing gear including hoop nets, slat traps, trotline, wing nets, and to each one  
27 hundred (100) feet of linear gear or portion thereof in use, including commercial

- 1 seines, gill nets, or trammel nets. Commercial gear tags may be issued only to a  
2 person holding a resident or nonresident commercial fishing license;
- 3 (5) Live fish and bait dealer's licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the  
4 holder to sell bait and live fish as may be prescribed by administrative regulation;
- 5 (6) Musseling licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to take  
6 mussels for commercial purposes as may be prescribed by administrative regulation;
- 7 (7) A statewide resident hunting license, which authorizes the holder to take or pursue  
8 wild animals, wild birds, frogs, and turtles with gun, bow and arrow, dog, or falcon,  
9 or to participate in a fox-hunting party engaged in the hunting or pursuing of foxes  
10 with dogs for sport, according to the provisions of the laws and administrative  
11 regulations of the department;
- 12 (8) A junior statewide hunting license, which may be issued to a person before he or  
13 she has reached his or her sixteenth birthday, and which authorizes the holder to  
14 exercise all the privileges authorized by a statewide hunting license. No junior  
15 hunting license shall be issued without the written permission of parent, guardian,  
16 or person having custody of the person under sixteen (16) years of age;
- 17 (9) Trapping licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to take wild  
18 animals by trapping upon his or her own lands or upon the lands of another person,  
19 if the holder of the license has first obtained oral or written consent as provided in  
20 KRS 150.092 and administrative regulation;
- 21 (10) A taxidermist license, which authorizes the holder to engage in the act of preparing,  
22 stuffing, and mounting the skins of wildlife;
- 23 (11) A commercial guide's license, which authorizes the holder to guide hunting and  
24 fishing parties according to the provisions of the laws and administrative  
25 regulations of the department;
- 26 (12) Fur buyer's licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to buy  
27 raw furs from licensed trappers and hunters and to sell raw furs so purchased.

1 Applicants for the license shall state the number of premises to be used and shall  
2 display at each a copy of the license as furnished by the department, except that the  
3 commissioner may limit the number of copies furnished and may revoke the license  
4 for violation;

5 (13) A fur processor's license, which may be issued only to a resident, a partnership,  
6 firm, or corporation of this state and which authorizes the holder to buy raw furs  
7 when in legal possession for processing, manufacture, or retention in cold storage or  
8 for resale;

9 (14) A nonresident sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to perform any act  
10 authorized by a resident statewide sport fishing license. This license shall not  
11 authorize the holder to sell fish;

12 (15) A nonresident annual hunting license, which authorizes the holder to perform any  
13 act authorized by a resident statewide hunting license;

14 (16) Shoot-to-retrieve field trial permits, four (4) day and single day, which authorize a  
15 permit holder to conduct a shoot-to-retrieve field trial on private or government-  
16 owned lands. With a four (4) day permit, all participants, whether residents or  
17 nonresidents, shall not be required to possess any other license to participate in the  
18 permitted field trial, and the permit shall expire four (4) days after the date on which  
19 the field trial began. With the single day permit, the permit is valid for one (1) day  
20 and all participants shall have a valid resident or nonresident annual Kentucky  
21 hunting license. A permit is not required to conduct a shoot-to-retrieve field trial on  
22 a licensed shooting preserve; however, all participants that take or attempt to take  
23 game shall have in their possession a resident or nonresident annual Kentucky  
24 hunting license;

25 (17) Game permits and junior game permits, which, in combination with a valid  
26 statewide hunting license or a valid junior statewide hunting license, authorize the  
27 holder to take or pursue the specified game species in any designated open area of

- 1           this state, during the open season and according to the provisions of the laws and  
2           administrative regulations governing the hunting;
- 3   (18) A combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes only resident holders  
4           to perform all acts valid under either a sport fishing or hunting license;
- 5   (19) A trout permit, which in combination with a valid statewide fishing license,  
6           authorizes the holder to take trout by angling or as may be prescribed by  
7           administrative regulation;
- 8   (20) A commercial waterfowl permit, which authorizes the holder to establish and  
9           operate a commercial waterfowl hunting preserve;
- 10   (21) A short-term hunting license, which authorizes the holder to perform all acts  
11           authorized by a statewide hunting license according to the provisions of the laws  
12           and administrative regulations of the department;
- 13   (22) A joint statewide resident sport fishing license issued to a husband and wife which  
14           authorizes them to take fish as provided in subsection (1) of this section. The  
15           license fee for this joint license shall be ten percent (10%) less than the license fee  
16           set by the commission for two (2) statewide resident sport fishing licenses;
- 17   (23) A Kentucky migratory bird permit, which in combination with a valid statewide  
18           hunting license and compliance with applicable federal law, authorizes the holder to  
19           take or pursue waterfowl and migratory shore or upland game birds;
- 20   (24) A pay lake license which authorizes the holder to operate privately owned  
21           impounded waters for fishing purposes for which a fee is charged;
- 22   (25) A senior combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes the holder to  
23           perform all acts valid under a sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, or a state  
24           permit to take deer, turkey, trout, waterfowl, or migratory shore or upland game  
25           birds, and which shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is sixty-five (65)  
26           years of age or older.
- 27           The senior combination license shall not be valid unless the holder carries proof of

- 1 residency and proof of age, as the department may require by administrative  
2 regulation, on his or her person while performing an act authorized by the license;
- 3 (26) A senior lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, which remains valid  
4 until the death of the holder and authorizes the holder to perform all acts valid under  
5 a sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, and a state permit to take deer,  
6 turkey, trout, waterfowl, and migratory shore and upland game birds, and which  
7 shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older;
- 8 (27) A disabled combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes the holder to  
9 perform all acts valid under a sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, and a  
10 state permit to take deer, turkey, trout, waterfowl, and migratory shore and upland  
11 game birds, and which shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is:
- 12 (a) An American veteran at least fifty percent (50%) disabled as a result of a  
13 service-connected disability;~~[-or]~~
- 14 (b) *A retired first responder who was certified under KRS Chapter 311A and is*  
15 *at least fifty percent (50%) disabled; or*
- 16 (c) Declared permanently and totally disabled by the federal Social Security  
17 Administration, the United States Office of Personnel Management, the  
18 Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, the Department of Workers' Claims  
19 or its equivalent from another state, or the United States Railroad Retirement  
20 Board.
- 21 The disabled combination license shall not be valid unless the holder carries proof  
22 of residency and proof of disability, as the department may require by  
23 administrative regulation, on his or her person while performing an act authorized  
24 by the license;
- 25 (28) A sportsman's license for residents that includes an annual hunting and fishing  
26 license and such permits as allowed by administrative regulations promulgated by  
27 the department; and

1 (29) A special license for residents and nonresidents for the purpose of hunting on  
2 licensed shooting areas. This license shall be valid only for the shooting areas for  
3 which it was issued and shall remain in effect for one (1) year. If the hunter holds  
4 either a nonresident or resident statewide hunting license for the current year, the  
5 special license shall not be required.

6 The department may offer multiyear licenses or permits for any of the annual licenses or  
7 permits authorized in subsections (1), (7), (9), (14), (15), (17), (18), (19), (23), and (28) of  
8 this section. A multiyear license or permit shall authorize the holder to perform all acts  
9 authorized by the same license or permit if purchased annually and shall be issued in  
10 accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the administrative regulations  
11 promulgated hereunder. Any multiyear licenses or permits offered by the department  
12 relating to the annual licenses or permits authorized in subsections (1), (7), (9), (14), (15),  
13 (17), (18), (19), (23), and (28) of this section shall be implemented by administrative  
14 regulation and may be discontinued at any time.