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HOUSE BILL 1185

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By Representative Sutherland

1 AN ACT Relating to providing discounted hunting licenses to  
2 seniors; amending RCW 77.32.450 and 77.32.460; and providing an  
3 effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.450 and 2011 c 339 s 10 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A big game hunting license is required to hunt for big game.  
8 A big game license allows the holder to hunt for forest grouse,  
9 unclassified wildlife, and the individual species identified within a  
10 specific big game combination license package. Each big game license  
11 includes one transport tag for each species purchased in that  
12 package. A hunter may not purchase more than one license for each big  
13 game species except as authorized by rule of the commission. The fees  
14 for annual big game combination packages are as follows:

15 (a) Big game number 1: Deer, elk, bear, and cougar. The fee for  
16 this license is eighty-five dollars for residents, seven hundred  
17 eighty dollars for nonresidents, \$17 for seniors, and forty dollars  
18 for youth.

19 (b) Big game number 2: Deer and elk. The fee for this license is  
20 seventy-five dollars for residents, six hundred seventy dollars for  
21 nonresidents, \$15 for seniors, and thirty-five dollars for youth.

1 (c) Big game number 3: Deer. The fee for this license is thirty-  
2 nine dollars for residents, three hundred ninety-three dollars for  
3 nonresidents, \$7.80 for seniors, and eighteen dollars for youth.

4 (d) Big game number 4: Elk. The fee for this license is forty-  
5 four dollars for residents, four hundred fifty dollars for  
6 nonresidents, \$8.80 for seniors, and eighteen dollars for youth.

7 (e) Big game number 5: Bear. The fee for this license is twenty  
8 dollars for residents, two hundred dollars for nonresidents, \$4 for  
9 seniors, and ten dollars for youth.

10 (f) Big game number 6: Cougar. The fee for this license is twenty  
11 dollars for residents, two hundred dollars for nonresidents, \$4 for  
12 seniors, and ten dollars for youth.

13 (2) In the event that the commission authorizes a two animal big  
14 game limit, the fees for the second animal are as follows:

15 (a) Elk: The fee is sixty dollars for residents, three hundred  
16 fifty dollars for nonresidents, \$12 for seniors, and twenty dollars  
17 for youth.

18 (b) Deer: The fee is sixty dollars for residents, two hundred  
19 fifty dollars for nonresidents, \$12 for seniors, and twenty dollars  
20 for youth.

21 (3) In the event that the commission authorizes a special permit  
22 hunt for goat, sheep, moose, or other big game species not specified  
23 the permit fees are three hundred dollars for residents, one thousand  
24 five hundred dollars for nonresidents, and fifty dollars for youth.

25 (4) Multiple season big game permit: The commission may, by rule,  
26 offer permits for hunters to hunt deer or elk during more than one  
27 general season. Only one deer or elk may be harvested annually under  
28 a multiple season big game permit. The fee is one hundred sixty-five  
29 dollars.

30 (5) Authorization to hunt the species set out under subsection  
31 (3) of this section is by special permit issued under RCW 77.32.370.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.32.460 and 2020 c 148 s 19 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (1) A small game hunting license is required to hunt for all  
35 classified wild animals and wild birds, except big game. A small game  
36 license also allows the holder to hunt for unclassified wildlife.

37 (a) The fee for this license is thirty-five dollars for  
38 residents, one hundred sixty-five dollars for nonresidents, \$7 for  
39 seniors, and fifteen dollars for youth.

1 (b) The fee for this license if purchased at the same time as a  
2 big game combination license package is twenty dollars for residents,  
3 eighty-eight dollars for nonresidents, \$4 for seniors, and eight  
4 dollars for youth.

5 (c) The fee for a three-consecutive-day small game license is  
6 sixty dollars for nonresidents.

7 (2) In addition to a small game license, a turkey tag is required  
8 to hunt for turkey.

9 (a) The fee for a primary turkey tag is fourteen dollars for  
10 residents and forty dollars for nonresidents. A primary turkey tag  
11 will, on request, be issued to the purchaser of a youth small game  
12 license at no charge.

13 (b) The fee for each additional turkey tag is fourteen dollars  
14 for residents, sixty dollars for nonresidents, and ten dollars for  
15 youth.

16 (c) One-third of the moneys received from turkey tags must be  
17 appropriated solely for the purposes of turkey management within the  
18 limited fish and wildlife account. An additional one-third of the  
19 moneys received from turkey tags must be appropriated solely for  
20 upland game bird management within the limited fish and wildlife  
21 account created in RCW 77.12.170(1). The remainder of the moneys  
22 received from turkey tags must be appropriated to the fish, wildlife,  
23 and conservation account created in RCW 77.12.170(3). Moneys received  
24 from turkey tags may not supplant existing funds provided for these  
25 purposes.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect April 1, 2022.

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