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SENATE BILL NO. 65–COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE)

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the regulation of boating and wildlife activities. (BDR 45-166)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State Highway Fund: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[**~~omitted material~~**]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; revising provisions relating to the deferral of the use of a tag to hunt a big game mammal under certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to the fee for the issuance of duplicate licenses relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to replacement tags for certain infected animals; revising the purposes for which the Department of Wildlife is authorized to use money received from fees for processing applications for tags; revising provisions relating to the fees charged for certain licenses, permits and tags relating to wildlife and for the ownership and operation of vessels; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Board of Wildlife Commissioners (hereinafter "Commission") to adopt regulations establishing a program through which, in part, a person who holds a tag to hunt a big game mammal in this State and who has proven that he or she qualifies under certain circumstances is authorized to defer use of his or her tag to the next applicable open season. (NRS 502.103) **Section 2** of this bill changes the relevant season to which such a tag may be deferred to the next open season which is determined by the Commission to be most similar to the season for which the tag was issued.

Existing law requires the Commission to adopt regulations providing for the issuance of a duplicate license to replace an unexpired license that has been lost, stolen or destroyed and requires such regulations to specify a fee, which must not

exceed $10, for the issuance of a duplicate license. (NRS 502.110) **Section 3** of this bill removes the limitation on the amount of the fee.

Existing law requires a person who possesses a tag to hunt a big game mammal and kills an animal that is believed to be diseased and unfit for human consumption to follow certain procedures, including a requirement to provide the whole carcass of the big game mammal for inspection by certain persons. With certain exceptions, if the carcass is determined to be diseased and unfit for human consumption, existing law entitles the holder of the tag who provides the carcass to receive a replacement tag at no charge. (NRS 502.215) **Section 7** of this bill denies entitlement to such a replacement tag in the circumstances in which a person provides for inspection the carcass of a mule deer, elk or moose which is infected with chronic wasting disease.

Existing law requires the Department of Wildlife to issue a resident and nonresident 1-day permit to fish and a nonresident 1-day combination permit to fish and hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds and add consecutive days on such 1-day permits upon the payment of a fee for the 1-day permit and the payment of a fee for each consecutive day added to the permit. (NRS 502.240) Existing law also authorizes the Commission to adopt regulations setting forth the term of a permit. (NRS 502.030) **Section 8** of this bill changes these 1-day permits to limited permits which consist of 1 or more consecutive calendar days in accordance with the term of the permit established by the regulations adopted by the Commission.

Existing law requires the Department to account separately for the money received from fees for processing applications for tags and, with certain exceptions, to use that money only for the Department's direct and indirect costs associated with: (1) the system of applications and drawings for tags; (2) the Department's automated program for licensing and registration and titling of vessels; and (3) the issuance of licenses, permits and tags. (NRS 502.255) **Section 12** of this bill adds to the list of authorized uses for such money: (1) conducting surveys of wildlife; (2) any quotas for a hunt; and (3) certain enforcement activities.

With certain exceptions, existing law sets forth fees for certain licenses, permits and tags issued by the Department. (NRS 502.148, 502.240, 502.250, 502.370) Existing law additionally sets forth certain fees to be collected by the Department relating to the ownership of vessels and operation of vessels on the waters of this State. (NRS 488.075, 488.1795, 488.536) **Sections 6, 8, 10, 17, 25, 28 and 29** of this bill remove the amounts for such fees from the existing statutes. **Sections 8, 10, 17, 25, 28 and 29** require the Commission to instead establish those fees by regulation and authorize the Commission, by regulation, to adjust those fees for inflation based on a prescribed formula. **Section 30** of this bill requires the Commission, as soon as practicable on or after July 1, 2027, to establish by regulation initial fees that are required to be equal to the corresponding fees that existed in statute and regulation on June 30, 2027. **Section 30** also provides temporary exceptions to the formula for inflationary adjustments for: (1) with certain exceptions, the first adjustment of such initial fees; and (2) the first three adjustments of certain initial fees that are applicable only to residents of this State.

Sections 1, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13-16, 18-23, 26 and 27 of this bill make conforming changes to reflect the removal of the amounts of such fees from existing statute and **section 24** of this bill makes a conforming change to refer to provisions that have been renumbered in **section 25**. **Section 10** also includes additional tags in statute for which the fees are established in existing regulations.

Section 31 of this bill provides that any fees that existed in statute or regulation on June 30, 2027, and are required to have initial fees established by regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to **section 30**: (1) remain in effect, if in statute on that date, until the Commission has established such fees by regulation; or (2) are deemed to be the initial fees, if in regulation on that date, and remain in effect

until the Commission has adjusted such fees for inflation under the prescribed formula.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 502.072 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.072 The Department shall issue any license authorized under the provisions of this chapter, upon payment of the applicable fee ***established by regulation and collected*** pursuant to NRS 502.240 and satisfactory proof, subject to the provisions of NRS 417.0187, of the requisite facts to any bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who has incurred a service-connected disability which is considered to be 50 percent or more by the Department of Veterans Affairs and has received upon severance from service an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed Forces of the United States.

Sec. 2. NRS 502.103 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.103 1. The Commission may adopt regulations establishing:

(a) Conditions or events which are extenuating circumstances;

(b) A process through which a big game hunter who claims an extenuating circumstance may provide documentation to the Department which shows that his or her condition or event qualifies as an extenuating circumstance;

(c) A program through which a big game hunter who has proven that he or she qualifies for an extenuating circumstance pursuant to paragraph (b) may:

(1) Transfer his or her tag to another person who is otherwise eligible to hunt a big game mammal in this State;

(2) Defer his or her ~~[use of the]~~ tag to the next ~~[applicable]~~ open season ~~[;]~~ ***which is determined by the Commission to be most similar to the season for which the tag was issued;*** or

(3) Return his or her tag to the Department for restoration by the Department of any bonus points that he or she used to obtain the tag that is being returned; and

(d) A process through which a family member of a deceased big game hunter may provide documentation to the Department of the death of the big game hunter and transfer the tag of the deceased big game hunter to another person who is otherwise eligible to hunt a big game mammal in this State.

2. If a big game hunter transfers his or her tag to another person pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the big game hunter may not charge a fee or receive any compensation for such a transfer.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Big game hunter" means a person who holds a tag.

(b) "Extenuating circumstance" means any injury, illness or other condition or event, as determined by the Commission, of a big game hunter or a family member of a big game hunter that causes the big game hunter to be unable to use his or her tag. The term includes, without limitation, the death of the big game hunter.

(c) "Family member" means:

(1) A spouse of the big game hunter;

(2) A person who is related to the big game hunter within the first degree of consanguinity; or

(3) A stepchild of the big game hunter.

(d) "Tag" means a tag to hunt a big game mammal in this State.

Sec. 3. NRS 502.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, ~~[no]~~ ***not*** more than one license of each class may be issued to any one person during each licensing period.

2. The Commission shall adopt regulations providing for the issuance of a duplicate license to replace an unexpired license that has been lost, stolen or destroyed. The regulations must specify a fee ~~[, which must not exceed $10,]~~ for the issuance of a duplicate license. A duplicate license has the same effect, and is subject to the same conditions and restrictions, as the license it replaces.

Sec. 4. NRS 502.142 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.142 1. The Commission shall adopt regulations to establish a program pursuant to which the Department will issue special incentive elk tags. The regulations must:

(a) Set forth the application and annual review processes for the issuance of special incentive elk tags.

(b) Require that an application for a special incentive elk tag must be accompanied by:

(1) The fee ~~[charged]~~ for an elk tag ***established by regulation and collected*** pursuant to NRS 502.250; and

(2) Any administrative fee charged in connection with the issuance of an elk tag pursuant to this chapter.

(c) Provide for the issuance of a special incentive elk tag only to a person who:

(1) Lawfully owns, leases or manages private land within an actual elk use area; and

(2) If that private land blocks reasonable access to adjacent public land, provides reasonable access through the private land to allow a person or hunting party possessing a valid elk tag to hunt elk on the adjacent public land.

(d) Establish criteria for the issuance of special incentive elk tags based upon:

(1) The number of elk using private land controlled by the applicant;

(2) The number of days the elk use private lands of the applicant in a calendar year;

(3) The total number of elk; and

(4) Limiting the number of special incentive elk tags issued in each calendar year to not more than one-half of the bull elk tags issued in that calendar year,

➥ within the actual elk use area in the unit or units of the management area or areas in which the private land is located.

(e) Provide that special incentive elk tags are valid for both sexes of elk.

(f) Prohibit a person who has, within a particular calendar year, applied for or received compensation pursuant to NRS 504.165 as reimbursement for damage caused by elk to private land from applying, within the same calendar year, for a special incentive elk tag for the same private land.

(g) Allow a group of owners, lessees and managers of private land to qualify for a special incentive elk tag for their combined lands.

(h) Ensure that the issuance of special incentive elk tags will not result in the number of bull elk tags issued in any year being reduced to a number below the quota for bull elk tags established by the Commission for 1997.

(i) Provide that a person to whom a special incentive elk tag is issued by the Commission pursuant to this section may:

(1) If the person holds a valid hunting license issued by this State, use the special incentive elk tag himself or herself; or

(2) Sell the special incentive elk tag to another person who holds a valid hunting license issued by this State at any price upon which the parties mutually agree.

(j) Require that a person who is issued a special incentive elk tag must hunt:

(1) During the open season for elk.

(2) In the unit or units within the management area or areas in which the private land is located.

(k) Provide for the appointment of an arbitration panel to resolve disputes between persons who apply for special incentive elk tags and the Department regarding the issuance of such tags.

2. As used in this section, "actual elk use area" means an area in which elk live, as identified and designated by the Department.

Sec. 5. NRS 502.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.145 1. An owner, lessee or manager of private land in this State may apply to the Department for the issuance to him or her of one or more deer or antelope tags as provided in this section.

The tags must be issued as compensation for damage caused by deer or antelope to the private land or to any improvements thereon.

2. An application made pursuant to this section must:

(a) Be made in the form prescribed by the Department;

(b) Establish to the satisfaction of the Department that the applicant has sustained damage of the kind described in subsection 1; and

(c) Be accompanied by the fee ~~[charged]~~ ***established by regulation and collected*** for the tags pursuant to NRS 502.250 and any fee charged for administrative costs.

3. The Department shall review the application, may conduct any investigation it deems appropriate and, if it approves the application, shall issue to the applicant not more than one tag for each 50 animals present on the private land owned, leased or managed by the applicant. Both deer and antelope tags may be issued to an applicant.

4. A tag issued as compensation for damage pursuant to this section:

(a) May be used by the owner, lessee or manager of the private land if the owner, lessee or manager holds a valid Nevada hunting license, or may be sold by that person to any holder of a valid Nevada hunting license at any price mutually agreed upon;

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c), must be used on the private land or in the unit or units within the management area or areas in which the private land is located; and

(c) May only be used during:

(1) The open season for the species for which the tag is issued; or

(2) A season prescribed by regulation of the Commission for the use of such tags only on the private land.

5. As a condition of receiving a tag from the Department pursuant to this section, an owner, lessee or manager who is lawfully in control of private land that blocks access to adjacent public land must provide access to the public land during the hunting season to a person or hunting party with a tag for the purpose of hunting on the public land.

6. Insofar as they are consistent with this section, the provisions of this title and of the regulations adopted by the Commission apply to the issuance and use of tags pursuant to this section. The Commission:

(a) Shall by regulation establish the maximum number of tags which may be issued annually by the Department pursuant to this section, which must not exceed 2.5 percent of the total number of

deer and antelope tags which are authorized for issuance annually throughout the State; and

(b) May adopt any other regulations it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 6. NRS 502.148 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.148 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who wishes to apply for a restricted nonresident deer tag pursuant to NRS 502.147 must complete an application on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department. A licensed master guide may complete the application for an applicant. The application must be signed by the applicant and the master guide who will be responsible for conducting the restricted nonresident deer hunt.

2. The application must be accompanied by ~~[a]~~ ***the*** fee ~~[for the tag of $300,]~~ ***established by regulation pursuant to NRS 502.250*** plus any other fees which the Department may require. The Commission shall establish the time limits and acceptable methods for submitting such applications to the Department.

3. Any application for a restricted nonresident deer tag which contains an error or omission must be rejected and the fee for the tag returned to the applicant.

4. A person who is issued a restricted nonresident deer tag is not eligible to apply for any other deer tag issued in this State for the same hunting season as that restricted nonresident deer hunt.

5. All fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund.

Sec. 7. NRS 502.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.215 1. If any person who possesses a tag to hunt a big game mammal kills an animal that is believed to be diseased and unfit for human consumption, the person shall place his or her tag on the carcass or validate the tag in accordance with NRS 502.150 and any regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to NRS 502.160 and provide the whole carcass for inspection by an authorized representative of the Department or, at the person's own expense, by a veterinarian licensed to practice in Nevada. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection ~~[,]~~ ***or subsection 2,*** the holder of the tag who provides the carcass for such an inspection is entitled, if the carcass is diseased and unfit for human consumption, to receive at no charge another tag as a replacement for the carcass determined to be diseased and unfit for consumption. The holder shall choose whether the replacement tag is to be issued for the current hunting season or for the next similar season in the following year. If the holder chooses to retain the head, antlers, carcass, horns or hide of the animal, and the authorized

representative of the Department approves the retention, the holder shall be deemed to waive any claim the holder may have had for the issuance of a replacement tag.

2. ***A person who provides the carcass of a mule deer, elk or moose which is infected with chronic wasting disease for inspection is not entitled to a replacement tag issued pursuant to subsection 1.***

3. A replacement tag issued pursuant to subsection 1 for the current hunting season is valid for:

(a) The entire remaining portion of the season for which the original tag was issued; or

(b) If the original tag was issued for a period of a split season, the entire remaining portion of the period for which the original tag was issued or the entire following period, if any.

~~[3.]~~ ***4.*** A replacement tag issued pursuant to subsection 1 must be:

(a) Issued for the same unit for which the original tag was issued.

(b) Used in the same manner as or pursuant to the same conditions or restrictions applicable to the original tag.

~~[4.]~~ ***5.*** The Commission shall adopt by regulation:

(a) A procedure for the inspection and verification of the condition of such a carcass;

(b) Requirements for the disposal of such a carcass if it is determined to be diseased and unfit for human consumption;

(c) Requirements for the disposition of the hide and the antlers or horns of the animal; and

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[2,]~~ ***3,*** a procedure for the issuance of a replacement tag pursuant to this section.

~~[5.]~~ ***6.*** For the purposes of this section, "split season" means a season which is divided into two or more periods.

Sec. 8. NRS 502.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.240 1. The Department shall issue:

(a) Resident licenses and limited permits pursuant to this section to any person who is a resident of this State pursuant to NRS 502.015.

(b) Nonresident licenses and limited permits pursuant to this section to any person who does not qualify as a resident of this State pursuant to NRS 502.015.

2. ***A limited permit issued pursuant to this section must be for 1 or more consecutive calendar days in accordance with the term of the permit established by the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to NRS 502.030.***

3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 504.390, the Department shall issue ~~[a license]~~ ***the following licenses*** or ~~[permit]~~ ***limited permits*** to any person who is 18 years or older upon the payment of the ~~[following]~~ ***applicable*** fee ***established by regulations adopted by the Commission*** for:

(a) A resident annual fishing license . ~~[.....$40]~~

(b) A resident ~~[1-day]~~ ***limited*** permit to fish . ~~[..... 9~~

~~Each consecutive day added to a resident 1-day permit to fish ..... 3]~~

(c) A resident annual hunting license . ~~[.....38]~~

(d) A resident annual combination hunting and fishing license . ~~[.....75]~~

(e) A resident trapping license . ~~[.....40]~~

(f) A resident fur dealer's license . ~~[.....63]~~

(g) A resident master guide's license . ~~[.....750]~~

(h) A resident subguide's license . ~~[.....125]~~

(i) A nonresident annual fishing license . ~~[.....80]~~

(j) A nonresident annual license to fish solely in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead, Lake Mojave, Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake . ~~[.....30]~~

(k) A nonresident ~~[1-day]~~ ***limited*** permit to fish . ~~[..... 18~~

~~Each consecutive day added to a nonresident 1-day permit to fish..... 7]~~

(l) A nonresident annual combination hunting and fishing license . ~~[.....155]~~

(m) A nonresident trapping license . ~~[.....188]~~

(n) A nonresident fur dealer's license . ~~[.....125]~~

(o) A nonresident master guide's license . ~~[..... 1,500]~~

(p) A nonresident subguide's license . ~~[.....250]~~

(q) A nonresident ~~[1-day]~~ ***limited*** combination permit to fish and hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds . ~~[..... 23~~

~~Each consecutive day added to a nonresident 1-day combination permit to fish and hunt upland game birds and migratory game birds ..... 8~~

~~3.]~~ ***4.*** The Department shall issue ~~[a license]~~ ***the following licenses*** to any person who is at least 12 years of age but less than 18 years of age upon payment of the ~~[following]~~ ***applicable*** fee ***established by regulations adopted by the Commission*** for:

(a) A resident youth combination hunting and fishing license . ~~[.....$15]~~

(b) A resident youth trapping license . ~~[.....15]~~

(c) A nonresident youth combination hunting and fishing license . ~~[..... 15~~

~~4.~~ ***5.*** Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[5,]~~ ***6,*** the Department shall issue an annual resident specialty combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to this chapter upon satisfactory proof of the requisite facts and the payment of a fee ~~[of $15]~~ ***established by regulations adopted by the Commission*** to:

(a) Any person who has been considered to be a resident of this State pursuant to NRS 502.015 immediately preceding the date of application for the license and is 65 years of age or older.

(b) Any person who is a resident of this State pursuant to NRS 502.015 and who has a severe physical disability.

(c) Any person who is a resident of this State pursuant to NRS 502.015 and who has incurred a service-connected disability specified in NRS 502.072.

~~[5.]~~ ***6.*** The Department shall issue an annual resident specialty combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to this chapter upon satisfactory proof of the requisite facts and the payment of a fee ~~[of $10]~~ ***established by regulations adopted by the Commission*** to any resident Native American of this State pursuant to NRS 502.280.

~~[6.]~~ ***7.*** The Department shall issue to any person, without regard to residence, upon the payment of ~~[a]~~ ***the applicable*** fee ~~[of: For a]~~ ***established by regulations adopted by the Commission:***

(a) A noncommercial license for the possession of live wildlife **.** ~~[..... $15 For a]~~

(b) A commercial or private shooting preserve ~~[..... 125 For a]~~ ***license.***

(c) A commercial license for the possession of live wildlife **.** ~~[..... 500 For a]~~

(d) A live bait dealer's permit **.** ~~[..... 44 For a]~~

(e) A competitive field trials permit **.** ~~[..... 31 For a]~~

(f) A permit to train dogs or falcons **.** ~~[..... 15 For a]~~

(g) A 1-year falconry license **.** ~~[..... 38 For a]~~

(h) A 3-year falconry license **.** ~~[..... 94 For an]~~

(i) An importation permit **.** ~~[..... 15 For an]~~

(j) An import eligibility permit **.** ~~[..... 31 For an]~~

(k) An exportation permit **.** ~~[..... 15~~

~~For any~~]

(l) Any other special permit ***.*** [~~issued by the Department, a fee not to exceed the highest fee established for any other special permit set by the Commission.~~

~~7.~~] ***8. The Commission may only increase or decrease by regulation a fee established by regulation pursuant to this section in an amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar that is not less than 90 percent and not more than 125 percent of the amount calculated by adding the current amount of the fee in regulation to the product of the current amount of the fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual average consumer price inflation index between:***

(a) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the current amount of the fee was established; and

(b) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the increase or decrease to the current amount of the fee is proposed to be made.

9. As used in this section [~~, "severe~~] ***:***

(a) "Consumer price inflation index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items) as published by the United States Department of Labor or, if that index ceases to be published by the United States Department of Labor, the published index selected by the Department of Taxation pursuant to subsection 11 of NRS 361.091.

(b) "Severe physical disability" means a physical disability which materially limits a person's ability to engage in gainful employment.

Sec. 9. NRS 502.242 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.242 1. On or before August 30 of each year, an amount of money which is equal to 5.25 percent of the fees [~~charged~~] ***established by regulation*** and collected ***pursuant to NRS 502.240*** during the immediately preceding fiscal year for hunting, trapping, fishing or combination hunting and fishing licenses or limited permits [~~pursuant to NRS 502.240~~] must be accounted for separately, deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account and, except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS 502.294 and 502.310, used by the Department for the purposes of wildlife habitat rehabilitation and restoration. Each year, not more than 18 percent of the money credited to the Wildlife Account from any revenue received pursuant to this subsection may be used to monitor wildlife and its habitat for those purposes.

2. The money in the Wildlife Account credited pursuant to this section remains in the Account and does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

Sec. 10. NRS 502.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.250 1. The ~~[amount of the fee that must be charged]~~ ***Commission shall establish by regulation fees to be collected*** for the following tags ~~[is:]~~ ***:***

(a) Resident deer tag ***.*** ~~[.....$30]~~

(b) Resident antelope ***with horns shorter than its ears*** tag ***.*** ~~[.....60]~~

(c) Resident antelope with horns longer than its ears tag.

(d) Resident ***antlered*** elk tag ***.*** ~~[.....120]~~

(e) Resident antlerless elk tag.

(f) Resident spike tag.

(g) Resident ***ewe*** bighorn sheep tag ***.*** ~~[.....120]~~

(h) Resident ram bighorn sheep tag.

(i) Resident mountain goat tag ***.*** ~~[.....120]~~

(j) Resident mountain lion tag ***.*** ~~[.....25]~~

(k) Resident turkey tag.

(l) Nonresident deer tag ***.*** ~~[.....240]~~

(m) Restricted nonresident deer tag.

(n) Nonresident antelope ***with horns shorter than its ears*** tag ***.*** ~~[.....300]~~

(o) Nonresident antelope with horns longer than its ears tag.

(p) Nonresident antlered elk tag ***.*** ~~[.....1,200]~~

(q) Nonresident antlerless elk tag ***.*** ~~[.....500]~~

(r) Nonresident ***ewe*** bighorn sheep tag ***.*** ~~[.....1,200]~~

(s) Nonresident ram bighorn sheep tag.

(t) Nonresident mountain goat tag ***.*** ~~[.....1,200]~~

(u) Nonresident mountain lion tag ***.*** ~~[.....100]~~

(v) Nonresident turkey tag.

2. The ~~[amount of the fee for other resident or nonresident big game tags must not exceed the highest fee for a resident or nonresident big game tag established pursuant to this section.~~

~~3. The amount of the fee for a tag determined to be necessary by the]~~ Commission ~~[for other species pursuant to NRS 502.130 must not exceed the highest fee]~~ ***shall establish by regulation fees to be collected*** for ~~[a resident or nonresident tag established pursuant to this section.~~

~~4. A fee not to exceed $10 may be charged for]~~ processing an application for ~~[a]~~ ***:***

(a) A game species or permit other than an application for an elk. ~~[A fee of not less than $5 but not more than $15 must be charged for processing an application for an]~~ ***; and***

(b) An elk, $5 of which must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and used for the prevention and mitigation of damage caused by elk or game mammals not native to this State.

3. The Commission may only increase or decrease by regulation a fee established by regulation pursuant to this section in an amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar that is not less than 90 percent and not more than 125 percent of the amount calculated by adding the current amount of the fee in regulation to the product of the current amount of the fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual average consumer price inflation index between:

(a) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the current amount of the fee was established; and

(b) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the increase or decrease to the current amount of the fee is proposed to be made.

4. A fee of not less than $15 and not more than $50 must be charged for processing an application for a Silver State Tag.

5. The Commission may accept sealed bids for, or award through an auction or a Silver State Tag Drawing, or any combination thereof, not more than 15 big game tags and not more than 5 wild turkey tags each year. To reimburse the Department for the cost of managing wildlife and administering and conducting the bid, auction or Silver State Tag Drawing, not more than 18 percent of the total amount of money received from the bid, auction or Silver State Tag Drawing may be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. Any amount of money received from the bid, auction or Silver State Tag Drawing that is not so deposited must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Heritage Account in the State General Fund in accordance with the provisions of NRS 501.3575.

6. The Commission may by regulation establish an additional drawing for big game tags, which may be entitled the Partnership in Wildlife Drawing. To reimburse the Department for the cost of managing wildlife and administering and conducting the drawing, not more than 18 percent of the total amount of money received from the drawing may be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. Except as otherwise provided by regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection 7, the money received by the Department from applicants in the drawing who are not awarded big game tags must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Heritage Account in accordance with the provisions of NRS 501.3575.

7. The Commission may adopt regulations which authorize the return of all or a portion of any fee collected from a person pursuant to the provisions of this section.

8. As used in this section:

(a) "Antelope with horns longer than its ears" means any pronghorn antelope having at least one horn that is longer than either ear of the antelope.

(b) "Antelope with horns shorter than its ears" means any pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns that are shorter than its ears.

(c) "Consumer price inflation index" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 502.240.

Sec. 11. NRS 502.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.253 1. In addition to any fee ~~[charged]~~ ***established by regulation*** and collected pursuant to NRS 502.250, a fee of $3 must be charged for processing each application for a game tag, the revenue from which must be accounted for separately, deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and used by the Department, at the direction of the applicant, for costs related to:

(a) Developing and implementing an annual program for the lethal removal of predatory wildlife; or

(b) Developing and implementing an annual program for the improvement of wildlife habitat and research or management activities beneficial to nonpredatory game species.

2. The Department of Wildlife is hereby authorized to expend a portion of the money collected pursuant to subsection 1 to enable the State Department of Agriculture to develop and carry out the programs described in subsection 1.

3. Any program developed or wildlife management activity or research conducted pursuant to this section must be developed or conducted under the guidance of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of subsection 4 and the policies adopted by the Commission pursuant to NRS 501.181.

4. The Department, in adopting any program for the lethal removal of predatory wildlife developed pursuant to this section, shall first consider the recommendations of the Commission and the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee created by NRS 567.020.

5. The money in the Wildlife Account credited pursuant to this section remains in the Account and does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

Sec. 12. NRS 502.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.255 The Department shall account separately for the money received from fees for processing applications for tags and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.253, use that money only for the Department's direct and indirect costs associated with:

1. ~~[The system of applications]~~ ***Applications*** and drawings for tags;

2. The ~~[Department's automated program for]~~ licensing and registration and titling of vessels; ~~[and]~~

3. The issuance of licenses, permits and tags ~~[.]~~ ***;***

4. Conducting surveys of wildlife;

5. Any quotas for a hunt established by the Commission; and

6. The enforcement of any provisions of law relating to the activities described in subsections 1 to 5, inclusive.

Sec. 13. NRS 502.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.280 1. Any resident Native American of the State of Nevada may apply for a specialty combination fishing and hunting license. When applying for a specialty combination fishing and hunting license, the resident Native American ~~[shall]~~ ***must*** exhibit a document issued in this State by the chair of a tribal council or chief of a Native American tribe, or an officer of a reservation, colony or educational institution, stating that the bearer is a resident Native American of the State of Nevada.

2. The Department shall issue a specialty combination fishing and hunting license to a resident Native American pursuant to subsection ~~[5]~~ ***6*** of NRS 502.240 pursuant to the same methods as the Department issues a specialty combination fishing and hunting license to a person pursuant to subsection ~~[4]~~ ***5*** of NRS 502.240.

3. Before hunting for deer or big game off an Indian reservation in this State, all Native Americans must secure resident deer tags or other resident big game tags and pay the fee ~~[provided therefor in]~~ ***established by regulation and collected pursuant to*** NRS 502.250.

4. If the Department is considering whether to make any recommendations for proposed legislation relating to any fishing and hunting rights of a resident Native American or any Native American tribe in this State, the Department shall, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission:

(a) Provide notice of the proposed action to each of those tribes or any other person specified in those regulations; and

(b) Consult with each of those tribes and persons concerning the proposed action.

5. Upon request by the Department, the Department of Native American Affairs may provide information or assistance to the Department in carrying out the provisions of this section.

6. The Commission shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 14. NRS 502.294 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.294 On or before August 30 of each year, an amount of money which is equal to 3.5 percent of the fees ~~[charged]~~ ***established by regulation*** and collected ***pursuant to NRS 502.240*** during the immediately preceding fiscal year for hunting, fishing or

combination hunting and fishing licenses or limited permits ~~[pursuant to NRS 502.240]~~ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. The Department shall maintain separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of that money. An amount not to exceed 10 percent of that money may be used to reimburse the Department for the cost of administering any project approved pursuant to NRS 502.296. This amount is in addition to compensation allowed persons authorized to issue and sell licenses.

Sec. 15. NRS 502.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.310 On or before August 30 of each year, an amount of money which is equal to 1 percent of the fees ~~[charged]~~ ***established by regulation*** and collected ***pursuant to NRS 502.240*** during the immediately preceding fiscal year for hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing licenses or limited permits ~~[pursuant to NRS 502.240]~~ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. The Department shall maintain separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of that money. An amount not to exceed 10 percent of that money may be used to reimburse the Department for the cost of administering any projects for waterfowl approved pursuant to NRS 502.322. This amount is in addition to compensation allowed persons authorized to issue and sell licenses.

Sec. 16. NRS 502.3262 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.3262 On or before August 30 of each year, an amount of money which is equal to 8.5 percent of the fees ~~[charged]~~ ***established by regulation*** and collected ***pursuant to NRS 502.240*** during the immediately preceding fiscal year for hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing licenses or limited permits ~~[pursuant to NRS 502.240]~~ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. The Department shall maintain separate accounting records for the receipt and expenditure of that money. An amount not to exceed 10 percent of that money may be used to reimburse the Department for the cost of administering the trout program and any purpose specified in NRS 502.3264. This amount is in addition to the compensation allowed persons authorized to issue and sell licenses.

Sec. 17. NRS 502.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.370 1. ~~[A]~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a*** license to practice taxidermy is required before any person may perform taxidermal services for others on any wildlife or their parts, nests or eggs.

2. Annual licenses must be issued by the Department to applicants who satisfy the requirements established by the Department and pay ~~[a]~~ ***the applicable*** fee ~~[of:~~ ~~Fee]~~ ***established by regulations adopted by the Commission*** to practice ~~[commercial]~~ ***:***

(a) Commercial taxidermy ***.*** ~~[..... $44 Fee to practice noncommercial]~~

(b) Noncommercial taxidermy ***.*** ~~[..... 20]~~

3. Any person who wishes to obtain a license to practice taxidermy must apply for the license on an application form provided by the Department. The applicant must provide such information on the form as the Commission may require by regulation.

4. ***The Commission may only increase or decrease by regulation a fee established by regulation pursuant to this section in an amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar that is not less than 90 percent and not more than 125 percent of the amount calculated by adding the current amount of the fee in regulation to the product of the current amount of the fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual average consumer price inflation index between:***

(a) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the current amount of the fee was established; and

(b) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the increase or decrease to the current amount of the fee is proposed to be made.

5. The Commission may adopt regulations governing the licensing of taxidermists and the practice of taxidermy, including:

(a) The receipt, possession, transportation, identification, purchase and sale of wildlife or parts thereof to be or which have been processed by a taxidermist;

(b) The maintenance and submission of written records; and

(c) Any other matter concerning the practice, conduct and operating procedures of taxidermists as the Commission may deem necessary.

~~[5.]~~ ***6.*** A person who is authorized to enforce the provisions of this title may enter the facilities of a licensee at any reasonable hour and inspect the licensee's operations and records.

~~[6.]~~ ***7.*** If a licensee is convicted of a violation of any provision of this title or the regulations adopted by the Commission, the Commission may revoke his or her license and may refuse to issue another license to him or her for a period not to exceed 5 years.

~~[7.]~~ ***8.*** The provisions of this section do not apply to institutions of learning of this State or of the United States, or to

research activities conducted exclusively for scientific purposes, or for the advancement of agriculture, biology or any of the sciences.

9. As used in this section, "consumer price inflation index" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 502.240.

Sec. 18. NRS 502.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.400 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is unlawful for any person to hunt in the Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area unless, at the time of entry and while hunting, the person carries upon his or her person:

(a) An unexpired permit issued for that purpose on a form specified by the Department; or

(b) Any other documentation specified by the Department as proof that the person has paid to the Department, for the period of licensing that includes the time the person is hunting, a fee that is equal to the amount of the fee required pursuant to subsection 4 for a seasonal permit or daily permit, as appropriate.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person under 16 years of age who is accompanied by a person who is carrying upon his or her person the permit or documentation required pursuant to subsection 1.

3. A permit issued pursuant to subsection 1 may be sold only by the Department or a person designated by the Department.

4. The Department shall charge and collect the following fees for issuing a permit pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Sixty dollars for a seasonal permit, the effective dates of which must, as determined by the Department, coincide with the license to hunt of the person purchasing the permit.

(b) Fifteen dollars for a daily permit. The Department shall not make a daily permit specified in this paragraph available for purchase before the second Monday of the open season for ducks.

5. The fee required pursuant to subsection 4 is in addition to any fee required for a license or permit to hunt ***which is established by regulation and collected*** pursuant to NRS 502.240.

Sec. 19. NRS 503.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.200 1. The Department is empowered to authorize, under permit and for such fee as may be ~~[provided in]~~ ***established by regulation and collected pursuant to*** NRS 502.240, competitive field trials for hunting dogs or competitive field trials for falconry. The Commission shall prescribe the rules and regulations to be followed by those in charge of such trials insofar as conduct of the field trials has any effect or bearing upon wildlife and the laws of this State respecting closed and open seasons.

2. For the purpose of permitting such field trials, the Department may authorize shooting of legally acquired upland game

birds during any closed season on the species of bird or birds to be hunted.

3. All legally acquired upland game birds used in a field trial or for the purpose of training hunting dogs and for falconry training must be banded with legbands by the person in charge of such field trial or training. Such birds may only be released in an area first approved by the Department, after which the Department shall authorize, under permit and under such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe, the releasing of such legally acquired upland game birds for the foregoing purposes.

4. All birds killed under the provisions of this section must be accompanied by a receipt, giving the permit number, the date, the name of the person in possession, and signed by the permit holder. Birds killed and accompanied by a receipt under the provisions of this section may be legally possessed.

Sec. 20. NRS 503.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.310 1. The Commission may regulate or prohibit the use of live bait in fishing so that no undesirable species are introduced into the public waters of this State.

2. Any person engaged in the sale of live bait must first obtain a permit from the Department for the fee ~~[provided in]~~ ***established by regulation and collected*** NRS 502.240. The permit may be revoked for any violation of regulations.

3. The Commission may prescribe the species which may be held or sold by the permittee.

Sec. 21. NRS 503.583 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.583 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who practices falconry or trains birds of prey must obtain a falconry license from the Department upon payment of a license fee ~~[as provided in]~~ ***established by regulation and collected pursuant to*** NRS 502.240.

2. The licensee, under permit, may obtain from the wild only two birds per year. All such birds of prey must be banded in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission.

3. Birds of prey may not be taken, captured or disturbed during the months in which they breed.

4. This section does not prohibit the capture or killing of a hawk or an owl by holders of scientific collecting permits.

5. The Commission may adopt regulations authorizing a person to practice falconry or train birds of prey without obtaining a falconry license pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1.

Sec. 22. NRS 504.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

504.310 1. Before being entitled to the benefits of any commercial or private shooting preserve, the owner or proprietor

thereof must make application to the Department. The application must set forth:

(a) The name and location of the shooting preserve.

(b) A legal description of the area included in the preserve.

(c) A statement whether the preserve is to be a commercial or private preserve.

(d) If the application is for a commercial shooting preserve, a statement of fees that are to be collected for the privilege of shooting on the preserve.

2. If, after investigation, the Department is satisfied that the tract is suitable for the purpose, and that the establishment of such a preserve will not conflict with the public interest, the Department may issue a commercial or private shooting preserve license upon the payment of a license fee ~~[as provided in]~~ ***established by regulation and collected pursuant to*** NRS 502.240.

Sec. 23. NRS 504.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

504.390 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Compensation" means any remuneration given in exchange for providing guide service which is predicated on a business relationship between the parties. The term does not include any reimbursement for shared trip expenses, including, without limitation, expenses for gasoline, food or any other costs that are generally associated with persons who are engaging in recreational hunting or fishing together.

(b) "Guide" means to assist another person for compensation in hunting wild mammals or wild birds and fishing and includes the transporting of another person or the person's equipment to hunting and fishing locations within a general hunting and fishing area whether or not the guide determines the destination or course of travel.

2. Each person who provides guide service for compensation or provides guide service as an incidental service to customers of any commercial enterprise, whether a direct fee is charged for the guide service or not, must obtain a master guide license from the Department. Such a license must not be issued to any person who has not reached 21 years of age.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each person who assists a person who is required to have a master guide license and acts as a guide in the course of that activity must obtain a subguide license from the Department. Such a license must not be issued to any person who has not reached 18 years of age. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a person who:

(a) Is employed by or assists a person who holds a master guide license solely for the purpose of cooking, cutting wood, caring for,

grooming or saddling livestock, or transporting a person by motor vehicle to or from a public facility for transportation, including, without limitation, a public airport.

(b) Holds a master guide license which authorizes the person to provide services for the same species and in the same areas as the guide who employs him or her or requests the person's assistance and has submitted to the Department a notarized statement which indicates that the person is employed by or provides assistance to the guide. The statement must be signed by both guides.

4. Fees for master guide and subguide licenses must be ~~[as provided in]~~ ***established by regulation and collected pursuant to*** NRS 502.240.

5. Any person who desires a master guide license must apply for the license on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department. The application must contain the social security number of the applicant and such other information as the Commission may require by regulation. If that person was not licensed as a master guide during the previous licensing year, the person's application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of $1,500.

6. Any person who desires a subguide license must apply for the license on a form prescribed and furnished by the Department. If that person was not licensed as a subguide during the previous licensing year, the person's application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of $50.

7. It is unlawful for the holder of a master guide license to operate in any area where a special use permit is required without first obtaining a permit unless the holder is employed by or providing assistance to a guide pursuant to subsection 3.

8. The holder of a master guide license shall maintain records of the number of hunters and anglers served, and any other information which the Department may require concerning fish and game taken by such persons. The information must be furnished to the Department on request.

9. If any licensee under this section, or person served by a licensee, is convicted of a violation of any provision of this title or chapter 488 of NRS, the Commission may revoke the license of the licensee and may refuse issuance of another license to the licensee for a period not to exceed 5 years.

10. The Commission may adopt regulations covering the conduct and operation of a guide service.

11. The Department may issue master guide and subguide licenses that are valid only in certain management areas, management units or administrative regions in such a manner as may be determined by the regulations of the Commission.

Sec. 24. NRS 387.1212 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1212 1. The State Education Fund is hereby created as a special revenue fund to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the purpose of supporting the operation of the public schools in this State. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund, excluding the direct legislative appropriation from the State General Fund required by subsection 3, must, after deducting any applicable charges, be credited to the Fund.

2. Money which must be deposited for credit to the State Education Fund includes, without limitation:

(a) All money derived from interest on the State Permanent School Fund, as provided in NRS 387.030;

(b) The proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to NRS 244.33561 and any applicable penalty or interest, less any amount retained by the county treasurer for the actual cost of collecting and administering the tax;

(c) The proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 387.195;

(d) The money identified in subsection 9 of NRS 120A.610;

(e) The portion of the money in each special account created pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 179.1187 which is identified in paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS 179.1187;

(f) The money identified in paragraph (d) of subsection 6 of NRS 278C.250;

(g) The money identified in subsection 1 of NRS 328.450;

(h) The money identified in subsection 1 of NRS 328.460;

(i) The money identified in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 360.850;

(j) The money identified in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 360.855;

(k) The money required to be transferred to the State Education Fund pursuant to NRS 362.100;

(l) The money required to be deposited to the credit of the State Education Fund pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 362.170;

(m) The portion of the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 372A.290 identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of NRS 372A.290;

(n) The proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 372A.290;

(o) The proceeds of the fees, taxes, interest and penalties imposed pursuant to chapter 374 of NRS, as transferred pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 374.785;

(p) The money identified in subsection 5 of NRS 445B.640;

(q) The money identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 7 of NRS 678B.390;

(r) The portion of the proceeds of the excise tax imposed pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 463.385 identified in paragraph (c) of subsection 5 of NRS 463.385;

(s) The money required to be distributed to the State Education Fund pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 482.181;

(t) The portion of the proceeds of the fee imposed pursuant to NRS 488.075 identified in subsection ~~[2]~~ ***3*** of NRS 488.075;

(u) The portion of the net profits of the grantee of a franchise, right or privilege identified in NRS 709.110;

(v) The portion of the net profits of the grantee of a franchise identified in NRS 709.230;

(w) The portion of the net profits of the grantee of a franchise identified in NRS 709.270;

(x) The money required to be distributed to the State Education Fund pursuant to NRS 363D.290;

(y) The amount of any fines required to be remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit to the credit of the State Education Fund pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 555.470;

(z) The amount of any claim, together with any dividend, interest or other increment required to be transferred to the State Education Fund pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 120A.645;

(aa) The portion of the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 372A.290 identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of NRS 372A.290; and

(bb) The direct legislative appropriation from the State General Fund required by subsection 3.

3. In addition to money from any other source provided by law, support for the State Education Fund must be provided by direct legislative appropriation from the State General Fund in an amount determined by the Legislature to be sufficient to fund the operation of the public schools in this State for kindergarten through grade 12 for the next ensuing biennium for the population reasonably estimated for that biennium. Money in the State Education Fund does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of a fiscal year, and the balance in the State Education Fund must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

4. Money in the Fund must be paid out on claims as other claims against the State are paid.

Sec. 25. NRS 488.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.075 1. The owner of each power-driven vessel requiring numbering by this State shall file an application for a number and for a certificate of ownership with the Department on forms approved by it accompanied by:

(a) Proof of payment of Nevada sales or use tax as evidenced by proof of sale by a Nevada dealer or by a certificate of use tax paid

issued by the Department of Taxation, or by proof of exemption from those taxes as provided in NRS 372.320.

(b) Such evidence of ownership as the Department may require.

➥ The Department shall not issue a number, a certificate of number or a certificate of ownership until this evidence is presented to it.

2. The application must be signed by the owner of the power-driven vessel and must be accompanied by:

(a) ~~[~~A~~]~~ ***The*** fee ~~[~~of $20~~]~~ for the certificate of ownership ~~[~~;~~]~~ ***established by regulations adopted by the Commission;*** and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NRS 488.125, ~~[~~an~~]~~ ***the applicable*** annual fee ~~[~~according to the following schedule as determined~~]~~ ***established*** by ***regulations adopted by*** the ~~[~~straight line length which is measured from the tip of the bow to the back of the transom of the power-driven vessel:

~~Less than 13 feet.....$20~~
~~13 feet or more but less than 18 feet.....25~~
~~18 feet or more but less than 22 feet.....40~~
~~22 feet or more but less than 26 feet.....55~~
~~26 feet or more but less than 31 feet.....75~~
~~31 feet or more .....100~~] ***Commission.***

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all fees received by the Department under the provisions of this chapter must be deposited in the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 488.536, may be expended only for ***projects to increase education concerning and access to boating and*** the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter ~~[~~.~~]~~ ***and the provisions of title 45 of NRS.*** On or before ~~[~~December~~]~~ ***July*** 31 of each year, the Department shall deposit with the State Education Fund 50 percent of each fee collected according to the length of the power-driven vessel for every power-driven vessel registered ~~[~~.~~]~~ ***with the Department in the previous fiscal year under the provisions of this section.*** Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the Department shall enter the application upon the records of its office and issue to the applicant a certificate of number stating the number awarded to the power-driven vessel, a certificate of ownership stating the same information and the name and address of the registered owner and the legal owner.

~~[~~3.~~]~~ ***4.*** The Commission shall adopt regulations ~~[~~providing~~]~~ ***establishing fees*** for the ~~[~~renewal~~]~~ ***purchase of a certificate of ownership, issuance*** of a certificate of number ***and renewal of the certificate*** by the purchase of a validation decal. The ~~[~~fee for a validation decal is determined by~~]~~ ***fees established pursuant to this section for the issuance of a certificate of number or purchase of a validation decal must:***

(a) Be based on the straight line length of the power-driven vessel ~~[and]~~ ***which*** is ~~[equivalent]~~ ***measured from the tip of the bow*** to the ~~[fee set forth in the schedule provided in paragraph (b) of subsection 2. The amount]~~ ***back*** of the ***transom of the power-driven vessel.***

(b) Include, without limitation, fees for any power-driven vessel which has a straight line length of:

(1) Less than 13 feet.

(2) Thirteen feet or more but less than 18 feet.

(3) Eighteen feet or more but less than 22 feet.

(4) Twenty-two feet or more but less than 26 feet.

(5) Twenty-six feet or more but less than 31 feet.

(6) Thirty-one feet or more.

(c) Be the same for the issuance of a certificate of number and renewal of the certificate.

(d) Include a fee for ~~[issuing]~~ ***the purchase of*** a duplicate validation decal ***.*** ~~[is $20.~~

~~4.]~~ ***5. The Commission may only increase or decrease by regulation a fee established by regulation pursuant to this section in an amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar that is not less than 90 percent and not more than 125 percent of the amount calculated by adding the current amount of the fee in regulation to the product of the current amount of the fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual average consumer price inflation index between:***

(a) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the current amount of the fee was established; and

(b) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the increase or decrease to the current amount of the fee is proposed to be made.

6. The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the bow of the power-driven vessel the identification number in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations of the Commission in order that the number may be clearly visible. The number must be maintained in legible condition.

~~[5.]~~ ***7.*** The certificate of number must be available at all times for inspection on the power-driven vessel for which issued, whenever the power-driven vessel is in operation.

~~[6.]~~ ***8.*** The Commission shall provide by regulation for the issuance of numbers to manufacturers and dealers which may be used interchangeably upon power-driven vessels operated by the manufacturers and dealers in connection with the demonstration, sale or exchange of those power-driven vessels. The amount of the fee for each such a number is $20.

9. As used in this section, "consumer price inflation index" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 502.240.

Sec. 26. NRS 488.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.125 1. Every certificate of number awarded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall continue in full force and effect for a period of 1 year, or 2 years if allowed by regulations adopted by the Commission, unless sooner terminated or discontinued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

2. The fee for the issuance or renewal of a certificate of number for 2 years, if allowed, is an amount which is equal to twice the annual fee for the vessel set forth in ~~[~~paragraph (b) of~~]~~ ***regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to*** subsection ~~[~~2~~]~~ ***4*** of NRS 488.075.

3. Certificates of number may be renewed by the owner in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection ~~[~~3~~]~~ ***4*** of NRS 488.075.

Sec. 27. NRS 488.1793 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.1793 Except as otherwise provided for the creation or transfer of a security interest or the transfer on death of a certificate of ownership pursuant to NRS 488.1794, no transfer of title to or any interest in any power-driven vessel required to be numbered under this chapter is effective until one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

1. The transferor has properly endorsed and delivered the certificate of ownership and has delivered the certificate of number to the transferee as provided in this chapter, and the transferee has, within the prescribed time, delivered the documents to the Department or placed them in the United States mail addressed to the Department with the ~~[~~transfer~~]~~ fee ~~[~~.~~]~~ ***established by the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to NRS 488.1795.***

2. The transferor has delivered to the Department or placed in the United States mail addressed to the Department the appropriate documents for the transfer of ownership pursuant to the sale or transfer.

Sec. 28. NRS 488.1795 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.1795 ~~[~~Upon~~]~~ ***1. The Commission shall adopt regulations establishing a fee for the transfer of title of a power-driven vessel.***

2. Within 10 days after receipt of a properly endorsed certificate of ownership and the certificate of number of any power-driven vessel, the transferee shall ~~[~~within 10 days~~]~~ file ***with the Department*** the certificates, accompanied by ~~[~~a~~]~~ ***the*** fee ~~[~~of $20, with the Department~~]~~ ***established by the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection 1,*** and thereby make

application for a new certificate of ownership and, when required, a new certificate of number.

3. The Commission may only increase or decrease by regulation the fee established by regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 in an amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar that is not less than 90 percent and not more than 125 percent of the amount calculated by adding the current amount of the fee in regulation to the product of the current amount of the fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual average consumer price inflation index between:

(a) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the current amount of the fee was established; and

(b) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the increase or decrease to the current amount of the fee is proposed to be made.

4. As used in this section, "consumer price inflation index" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 502.240.

Sec. 29. NRS 488.536 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.536 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, a person shall not operate a vessel on the waters of this State unless the person has:

(a) Paid to the Department the aquatic invasive species fee established ***by regulation*** pursuant to subsection 4; and

(b) Attached the aquatic invasive species decal issued pursuant to subsection 2 to the port side transom of the vessel so that the decal is distinctly visible.

2. The Department shall issue to a person who pays the fee established ***by regulation*** pursuant to subsection 4 an aquatic invasive species decal as evidence of the payment of the aquatic invasive species fee.

3. The Department shall fix a day and month of the year on which an aquatic invasive species decal expires. Only a valid decal may be displayed on a vessel.

4. The Commission shall establish by regulation an annual aquatic invasive species fee ~~[, which:]~~ ***for:***

(a) ~~[For a]~~ ***A*** power-driven vessel which is owned by a person in this State or operated by a person on the waters of this State ***;*** ~~[, must not exceed $12;]~~ and

(b) ~~[For a]~~ ***A*** vessel, other than a power-driven vessel, which is owned by a person in this State or operated by a person on the waters of this State ***.*** ~~[, must not exceed $5.]~~

5. ***The Commission may only increase or decrease by regulation a fee established by regulation pursuant to this section in an amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar that is not less than 90 percent and not more than 125 percent of the amount***

calculated by adding the current amount of the fee in regulation to the product of the current amount of the fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual average consumer price inflation index between:

(a) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the current amount of the fee was established; and

(b) The calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the increase or decrease to the current amount of the fee is proposed to be made.

6. Each aquatic invasive species decal is valid for 1 year, or 2 years if allowed by regulations adopted by the Commission. The Commission may adopt regulations for the renewal of an aquatic invasive species decal. The fee for the issuance or renewal of the decal for 2 years, if allowed, is an amount which is equal to twice the annual fee ~~[set forth in]~~ ***established by the regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to*** subsection 4. The fee for the issuance or renewal of an aquatic invasive species decal must be deposited in the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and used by the Department for enforcement of this section and NRS 488.530, 488.533 and 503.597 and for education about and management of aquatic invasive species.

~~[6.]~~ ***7.*** The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who operates a vessel on the waters of:

(a) The Colorado River, Lake Mead or Lake Mohave if, as determined by the Department, the vessel is registered in Arizona and Arizona has a program in effect for the management of aquatic invasive species; or

(b) Lake Tahoe or Topaz Lake if, as determined by the Department, the vessel is registered in California and California has a program in effect for the management of aquatic invasive species.

8. As used in this section, "consumer price inflation index" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 502.240.

Sec. 30. 1. As soon as practicable on or after July 1, 2027, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners shall establish by regulation initial fees for the fees that are required to be adopted by regulation pursuant to NRS 488.075, 488.1795, 488.536, 502.148, 502.240, 502.250 and 502.370, as amended by sections 25, 28, 29, 6, 8, 10 and 17 of this act, respectively. Such initial fees must be equal to the fees that were established for the same purpose in those sections or by regulation, as applicable, and that existed on June 30, 2027.

2. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this act and except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners may adjust an initial fee for the first time after its establishment by regulation pursuant to subsection 1 in an amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar, that is not less than 90 percent

and not more than 125 percent of the amount calculated by adding the initial fee to the product of the initial fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual average consumer price inflation index between the calendar year in which the fee was initially established in statute or by regulation, as applicable, before June 30, 2027, and the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the first inflationary adjustment to the initial fee is proposed to be made.

3. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of NRS 502.240 and 502.250, as amended by sections 8 and 10 of this act, for any initial fee established by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners by regulation pursuant to subsection 1 that is applicable only to residents of this State, the Commission may not increase or decrease such an initial fee:

(a) For the first adjustment of the initial fee after its establishment by regulation pursuant to subsection 1, in an amount more than 33 percent of the amount calculated by adding the initial fee to the product of the initial fee multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease in the annual consumer price inflation index from the calendar year in which the fee was initially established in statute or regulation, as applicable, before July 1, 2027.

(b) For the second and third adjustments of the initial fee after its establishment by regulation pursuant to subsection 1, the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the immediately preceding adjustment was made and the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the current adjustment is proposed to be made.

4. As used in this section, "consumer price inflation index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the United States Department of Labor or, if that index ceases to be published by the United States Department of Labor, the published index selected by the Department of Taxation pursuant to subsection 11 of NRS 361.091.

Sec. 31. 1. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this act, the fees set forth in NRS 488.075, 488.1795, 488.536, 502.148, 502.240, 502.250 and 502.370, as those sections existed on June 30, 2027, remain in effect until the regulations establishing initial fees pursuant to subsection 1 of section 30 of this act are adopted by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners and filed with the Secretary of State.

2. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this act, any fees in regulations adopted by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of NRS 488.075, 488.536 and 502.250 that are in effect on June 30, 2027:

(a) Shall be deemed to be the initial fees required to be established pursuant to subsection 1 of section 30 of this act; and

(b) Remain in effect until the Commission adjusts such fees for the first time pursuant to NRS 488.075, 488.536 and 502.250, as amended by sections 25, 29 and 10 of this act, respectively.

Sec. 32. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 to 31, inclusive, of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On July 1, 2027, for all other purposes.

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