

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDING
OF THE
SENATE AND HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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The Subcommittee was authorized by the Legislative Council to hold three meetings to study the funding of the Iowa State Conservation Commission. The members of the Subcommittee include the following:

Senator Elizabeth Miller, Co-chairperson
Representative Semor Tofte, Co-chairperson
Senator James Gallagher
Senator Arthur Gratias
Senator Berl Priebe
Senator Dale Tieden
Representative Hurley Hall
Representative Lee Holt
Representative Phillip Tyrrell
Representative Joe Welsh

The Subcommittee held its first meeting on September 10, 1979 and received testimony from the Iowa State Conservation Commission on its present sources of funding and the adequacy of projected revenues. This testimony indicated that the revenues from the sale of licenses is not increasing commensurately with the rate of inflation. The Commission projected that by fiscal year 1982 the Commission will require an additional \$800,000 to maintain the existing program level of the fish and game division. The Commission also noted that economic pressures on landowners are causing a more intensive use of agricultural land which results in a loss of woodlands and other habitat. The Subcommittee decided to ask the Commission several questions regarding indexing license fees, state park user fees, reducing the age requiring a license, increasing the farmer-tenant deer license fee, extending the trout stamp to nonlicensed anglers, and the mix of license fees and general revenue support in the surrounding states.

On October 22, 1979 the Subcommittee held its second meeting and discussed the Commission's responses to its inquiries. The Subcommittee requested bill drafts on reducing the age at which a license is required, changes in the state park road fund, and the farmer-tenant deer license. The Subcommittee agreed that the fish and game division should receive revenue from the general fund.

The Subcommittee met for its final meeting on November 15, 1979. The Subcommittee supported assisting the fish and game division with general fund revenues. Senator Tieden and Representative Tofte agreed to discuss this matter with the Governor. The Subcommittee recommended the following proposed bills which are attached to this report.

1. A bill to reduce the age at which a fishing, hunting or trapping license is required from 16 to 14 years and require completion of a hunter safety course for those sixteen and younger before purchase of their first hunting license.

2. A bill to eliminate the habitat stamp and increase the hunting fee by the same amount and dedicate those proceeds to habitat purposes and to eliminate the nonresident pheasant stamp and increase the total cost of the nonresident hunting license to fifty dollars.

3. A bill to include other properties e. g., hatcheries, of the Commission in the state park road system.

4. A bill to change the farmer-tenant deer hunting license by allowing the licensee to hunt off his or her property in that zone, allowing an additional license for each 640 acres, requiring a minimum of 40 acres and charging ten dollars for the license and to increase the ordinary deer hunting license to twenty dollars.

PROPOSED SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____

By (PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEE BILL RECOMMENDED
BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDING)

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____

Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to include roads on properties owned by the state con-
2 servation commission which are not parks in the state park
3 road system.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section three hundred six point one (306.1),
2 subsection one (1), paragraph k, Code 1979, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 k. The state park conservation, state institution and
5 other state land road system.

6 Sec. 2. Section three hundred six point one (306.1),
7 subsection two (2), paragraph k, Code 1979, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 k. The state park conservation, state institution, and
10 other state land road system shall consist of those roads
11 and streets wholly within the boundaries of state lands
12 operated as-parks by the state conservation commission,
13 institutions, or other state governmental agencies.

14 Sec. 3. Section three hundred six point three (306.3),
15 subsection eight (8), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

16 8. "State park conservation roads" means those roads and
17 streets classified as state park conservation roads under
18 section 306.1.

19 Sec. 4. Section three hundred six point four (306.4),
20 subsection four (4), unlettered paragraph one (1), Code 1979,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 Jurisdiction and control over the roads and streets in
23 any state park conservation area, state institution or other
24 state land shall be vested in the board, commission, or agency
25 in control of such park conservation area, institution, or
26 other state land; except that:

27 Sec. 5. Section three hundred seven A point two (307A.2),
28 subsection eleven (11), Code 1979, as that section is amended
29 by Acts of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly, 1979 Session,
30 chapter two (2), section forty-seven (47), is amended to read
31 as follows:

32 11. Construct, reconstruct, improve and maintain state
33 institutional roads and state park conservation roads as
34 defined in section 306.3 and bridges on such roads, roads
35 located on state fair grounds as defined in chapter 173 and

1 the roads and bridges located on area school property as
2 defined in chapter 280A upon the request of the state board,
3 department or commission which has jurisdiction over such
4 roads. This shall be done in such manner as may be agreed
5 upon by the commission and the state board, department or
6 commission which has jurisdiction. The commission may contract
7 with any county or municipality for the construction,
8 reconstruction, improvement or maintenance of such roads and
9 bridges. Any state park conservation road which is an
10 extension of either a primary or secondary highway which both
11 enters and exits from a state park conservation area at
12 separate points shall be constructed, reconstructed, improved
13 and maintained as provided in section 306.4. Funds allocated
14 from the road use tax fund for the purposes of this subsection
15 shall be apportioned in the ratio that the needs of the state
16 institution roads and bridges, park conservation roads and
17 bridges or area school roads and bridges bear to the total
18 needs of these facilities based upon the most recent
19 quadrennial park and institution need study. The commission
20 shall conduct a study of the road and bridge facilities in
21 state parks conservation areas, state institutions, state
22 fair grounds and on area school property. The study shall
23 evaluate the construction and maintenance needs and projected
24 needs based upon estimated growth for each type of facility
25 to provide a quadrennially updated standard upon which to
26 allocate funds appropriated for the purposes of this
27 subsection.

28 Sec. 6. Section three hundred thirteen point four (313.4),
29 subsection two (2), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

30 2. Such fund is also appropriated and shall be used for
31 the construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance
32 of state institutional roads and state park conservation roads
33 and bridges on such roads and roads and bridges on area school
34 property as provided in subsection 11 of section 307A.2, for
35 restoration of secondary roads used as primary road detours

1 and for compensation of counties for such use, for restoration
2 of municipal streets so used and for compensation of cities
3 for such use, and for the payments required in section 307A.5.
4 Sec. 7. This Act is effective January first following
5 its enactment.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill allows the roads on state conservation commission
8 properties which are not parks, e.g. fish hatcheries, game
9 refuges, etc., to have the same status as park roads in the
10 state park road system. That system is renamed the state
11 conservation road system.

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PROPOSED SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____

By (PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEE BILL RECOMMENDED
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Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the special deer hunting license provided
2 to owners and tenants of farm units and their family mem-
3 bers.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section one hundred ten point one (110.1),
2 subsection two (2), paragraph d, Code 1979, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 d. Deer hunting license for residents . . . \$ ~~15.00~~ 20.00

5 Sec. 2. Section one hundred ten point twenty-four (110.24),
6 unnumbered paragraph two (2) including subsections one (1)
7 through four (4) and unnumbered paragraphs three (3) and four
8 (4), Code 1979, are amended to read as follows:

9 Upon written application to the state conservation
10 commission, one any of the following persons shall be issued
11 a deer hunting license:

- 12 1. The owner of a farm unit, ~~or~~.
- 13 2. ~~One~~ A member of the family of the farm owner, ~~or~~.
- 14 3. The tenant residing on the farm unit, ~~or~~.
- 15 4. ~~One~~ A member of the family of the tenant, who resides
16 on the farm unit.

17 The deer hunting ~~permit~~ license shall be valid only for
18 hunting ~~in~~ in the zone established by the commission for deer
19 hunting which includes the farm unit upon which the licensee
20 to whom it is issued resides. The farm unit must include
21 at least forty acres and an additional license may be issued
22 for each multiple of six hundred forty acres in the farm unit.

23 The application required herein shall be on forms furnished
24 by the conservation commission and shall be ~~without~~ for a
25 fee of ten dollars for each license.

26 Sec. 3. This Act is effective January first following
27 its enactment.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill increases the fee for the resident deer hunting
30 license from fifteen to twenty dollars and establishes a fee
31 for the farmer-tenant deer hunting license of ten dollars.
32 The farmer-tenant license is changed to allow the licensee
33 to hunt in the zone in which the farm unit is located. The
34 bill requires a minimum of forty acres in the farm unit and
35 provides an additional license for each multiple of six hundred
36 forty acres in the farm unit.

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to hunting, trapping or fishing by persons
2 under the age of sixteen.

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1 Section 1. Section one hundred ten point one (110.1),
2 subsection four (4), paragraphs a and b, Code 1979, are amended
3 to read as follows:

- 4 a. Trapping license for legal residents ~~sixteen~~ fourteen
5 years of age or older \$ 10.00
- 6 b. Trapping license for legal residents under ~~sixteen~~
7 fourteen years of age \$ 1.00

8 Sec. 2. Section one hundred ten point three (110.3), Code
9 1979, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly,
10 1979 Session, chapter twelve (12), section eight (8), is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 110.3 WILDLIFE HABITAT STAMP. A resident or nonresident
13 person required to have a hunting or trapping license shall
14 not hunt or trap unless he or she has on his or her person
15 a valid wildlife habitat stamp signed in ink with his or her
16 signature across the face of the stamp. This section shall
17 not apply to residents who are permanently disabled or who
18 are younger than ~~sixteen~~ fourteen or older than sixty-five
19 years of age. Special wildlife habitat stamps shall be
20 administered in the same manner as hunting and trapping
21 licenses except all revenue derived from the sale of the
22 wildlife habitat stamps shall be used within the state of
23 Iowa for habitat development and shall be deposited in the
24 state fish and game protection fund. The revenue may be used
25 for the matching of federal funds. The revenues and any
26 matched federal funds shall be used for acquisition of land,
27 leasing of land or obtaining of easements from willing sellers
28 for use as wildlife habitats. Notwithstanding the exemption
29 provided by section 427.1, any land acquired with the revenues
30 and matched federal funds shall be subject to the full
31 consolidated levy of property taxes which shall be paid from
32 those revenues. In addition such revenue may be used for
33 the development and enhancement of wildlife lands and habitat
34 areas. Not less than fifty percent of all revenue from the
35 sale of wildlife habitat stamps shall be used by the commission

1 to enter into agreements with county conservation boards or
 2 other public agencies in order to carry out the purposes of
 3 this section. The state share of funding of those agreements
 4 provided by the revenue from the sale of wildlife habitat
 5 stamps shall not exceed seventy-five percent.

6 Sec. 3. Section one hundred ten point twenty-four (110.24),
 7 unnumbered paragraphs six (6), eight (8) and ten (10), Code
 8 1979, are amended to read as follows:

9 ~~No-resident-of-the-state~~ A person under sixteen fourteen
 10 ~~years of age or-a-nonresident-of-the-state-under-fourteen~~
 11 ~~years-of-age-shall-be~~ is not required to have a license to
 12 fish in the waters of the state.

13 ~~No~~ A resident of the state under ~~sixteen~~ fourteen years
 14 of age ~~shall-be~~ is not required to have a license to hunt
 15 game if accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or in
 16 company with any other competent adult with the consent of
 17 the said parent or guardian, if the said person accompanying
 18 said ~~the~~ minor shall-possess possesses a valid hunting license,
 19 ~~providing,-however,-that~~ and there is one licensed adult
 20 accompanying each person under ~~sixteen~~ fourteen years of age.
 21 A person under sixteen years of age shall not be issued a
 22 resident hunting license unless that person presents proof
 23 of having previously held a resident hunting license or
 24 completing a hunter safety program approved by the commission.

25 The commission shall issue without charge a special fishing
 26 license to residents of Iowa ~~sixteen~~ fourteen years or more
 27 of age whom the commission finds are mentally or physically
 28 severely handicapped. The commission ~~is-hereby-authorized~~
 29 ~~to~~ may prepare an application to be used by the person
 30 requesting handicapped status, which would require that his
 31 or her attending physician sign the form declaring the person
 32 handicapped and eligible for exempt status.

33 Sec. 4. This Act is effective January first following
 34 its enactment.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill lowers the age at which a hunting, fishing or
2 trapping license is required from sixteen to fourteen years
3 of age and requires a person under sixteen to have had a
4 previous license or complete a hunter safety program approved
5 by the commission to obtain a hunting license.

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Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act to amend provisions relating to hunting license fees
2 and stamps, by increasing the nonresident hunting license
3 fee, combining the wildlife habitat stamp fee with cer-
4 tain hunting license fees and striking the requirement
5 for a special wildlife habitat stamp and a nonresident
6 pheasant stamp, and subjecting violators to a penalty.

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1 Section 1. Section one hundred ten point one (110.1), sub-
2 sections two (2) and three (3), Code 1979, are amended to read
3 as follows:

4 2. Hunting licenses:

- 5 a. Legal residents except as otherwise provided
6 ~~\$-6-00~~ \$ 9.00
- 7 b. Legal residents permanently disabled or sixty-five
8 years of age or older \$ 1.25
- 9 c. Lifetime license for legal residents permanently dis-
10 abled or sixty-five years of age or older \$ 6.00
- 11 d. Deer hunting license for residents \$ 15.00
- 12 e. Wild turkey hunting license for residents \$ 15.00
- 13 f. Nonresidents hunting license ~~\$-35-00~~ \$ 50.00
- 14 g. Nonresidents raccoon stamp and tags \$100.00
- 15 ~~h--Nonresidents-pheasant-stamp-----\$--5-00~~

16 3. Hunting and fishing combined licenses:

- 17 a. Legal residents except as otherwise provided
18 ~~\$-11-00~~ \$14.00
- 19 b. Legal residents permanently disabled or sixty-five
20 years of age or older \$ 2.50
- 21 c. Lifetime license for residents permanently disabled or
22 sixty-five years of age or older \$ 8.00

23 Sec. 2. Section one hundred ten point one (110.1), subsec-
24 tion seven (7), paragraph m, Code 1979, is amended by striking
25 the paragraph.

26 Sec. 3. Section one hundred ten point three (110.3), Code
27 1979, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly,
28 1979 Session, chapter twelve (12), section eight (8), is
29 amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof
30 the following:

31 110.3 WILDLIFE HABITAT.

32 1. Three dollars of the license fee collected under section
33 one hundred ten point one (110.1), subsection two (2),
34 paragraphs a and f and subsection three (3), paragraph a of
35 the Code shall be deposited in a separate wildlife habitat

1 account in the state fish and game protection fund and shall
2 be used within the state for wildlife habitat development.
3 A statement shall be printed on the hunting license indicating
4 that three dollars of the total fee is dedicated to habitat
5 development purposes.

6 2. The revenue in the wildlife habitat account may be
7 used to match federal funds. The revenue and any matched
8 federal funds shall be used for acquisition of land, leasing
9 of land or obtaining easements from willing sellers for use
10 as wildlife habitat. The revenue may also be used for the
11 development and enhancement of wildlife lands and habitat
12 areas.

13 3. Not less than fifty percent of all revenue in the
14 wildlife habitat account shall be used by the commission to
15 enter into agreements with county conservation boards or other
16 public agencies to carry out the purposes of this section.
17 The state share of the funding of the agreements shall not
18 exceed seventy-five percent.

19 4. Notwithstanding the exemption provided by section four
20 hundred twenty-seven point one (427.1) of the Code, land
21 acquired with the revenue in the wildlife habitat account
22 and matched federal funds shall be subject to the full
23 consolidated levy of property taxes which shall be paid from
24 revenues in the account.

25 Sec. 4. Section one hundred ten point seven (110.7), Code
26 1979, is amended by striking the section and inserting in
27 lieu thereof the following:

28 110.7 PHEASANT TAGS FOR NONRESIDENTS.

29 1. A nonresident shall not hunt pheasants without having
30 in his or her possession a valid nonresident hunting license
31 and an unused pheasant tag. A nonresident shall not possess
32 an untagged pheasant.

33 2. Upon purchase of a nonresident hunting license, the
34 nonresident shall be issued the number of pheasant tags equal
35 to twice the possession limit for pheasant established by

1 the commission. The pheasant tags shall bear the same number
2 as the nonresident license and shall be designed to be used
3 only once. After the pheasant tags previously issued are
4 used, a nonresident hunter may purchase another issue of
5 pheasant tags for a fee of five dollars.

6 Sec. 5. This Act is effective January first following
7 its enactment.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill removes the requirement for a special wildlife
10 habitat stamp and nonresident pheasant stamp, combines the
11 hunting license fee and the wildlife habitat fee for those
12 hunting licenses required to have special wildlife habitat
13 stamp under current law, and increases the fee for nonresident
14 hunting licenses from \$35.00 to \$50.00. The \$3.00 wildlife
15 habitat stamp fee which is combined with the hunting license
16 fee is accounted for separately and remains dedicated to the
17 purchase, lease, development and enhancement of land for
18 wildlife habitat. The \$15.00 increase in the nonresident
19 hunting license includes the \$5.00 fee for the nonresident
20 pheasant stamp and the \$3.00 wildlife stamp fee required under
21 current law plus an additional \$7.00 increase.

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