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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 86
BY HAHN

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the fees for lifetime hunting or fishing
2 licenses for residents who are sixty-five years of age or
3 older and providing an effective date and retroactive
4 applicability.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.1, subsection 1, paragraphs b and
2 d, Code 1999, are amended to read as follows:

3 b. Fishing license, lifetime, sixty-five years or older
4 \$50.50
5 10.50

6 d. Hunting license, lifetime, sixty-five years or older
7 \$50.50
8 10.50

9 Sec. 2. REFUND FOR LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.

10 A person who was issued a lifetime fishing license or lifetime
11 hunting license, or both licenses on or after December 15,
12 1998, pursuant to section 483A.1, subsection 1, paragraph "b"
13 or "d", for a fee of fifty dollars and fifty cents is entitled
14 to a refund of forty dollars for each lifetime hunting license
15 or each lifetime fishing license purchased. The department
16 shall notify each licensee by mail at the address listed on
17 the license that a refund may be requested before December 1,
18 1999. After November 30, 1999, a refund request authorized
19 pursuant to this section shall not be accepted and a refund
20 shall not be paid. The refunds shall be paid from the state
21 fish and game conservation fund.

22 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE -- RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.

23 1. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes
24 effect upon enactment.

25 2. Section 2 of this Act is retroactive to December 15,
26 1998, and applies to any lifetime fish license or lifetime
27 hunting license issued by the department of natural resources
28 pursuant to section 483A.1, subsection 1, paragraph "b" or
29 "d", from December 15, 1998, until the effective date of this
30 Act.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill reduces the fees from \$50.50 to \$10.50 for a
33 lifetime hunting or fishing license for residents who are 65
34 years of age or older.

35 The bill authorizes a refund of \$40 for lifetime hunting or

1 fishing licenses issued on or after December 15, 1998. The
2 department of natural resources shall notify each lifetime
3 licensee of the refund by mail to the address listed on the
4 license. The refund must be requested before December 1,
5 1999. The refunds are to be made from the state fish and game
6 conservation fund.

7 The bill is effective upon enactment. Section 2 of the
8 bill is retroactive to December 15, 1998.

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**HOUSE FILE 86
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for House File 86 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 86 reduces the fee for the purchase of a lifetime hunting or a lifetime fishing license by \$40.00 from \$50.50 to \$10.50.

BACKGROUND

The current fee structure was implemented upon the passage of Senate File 187 (License Fees and Penalties). This created a lifetime hunting or a lifetime fishing license for a person 65 years or older at a cost of \$50.50 for each license. The last time a lifetime hunting or lifetime fishing license was available for purchase was 1984. The current fee structure became effective December 15, 1998.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. A person purchasing a lifetime hunting or fishing license will not be required to purchase another hunting or fishing license for the duration of their life. A person 65 years or older is also exempt from payment of the Wildlife Habitat Fee. A person with a lifetime hunting license wanting to hunt deer or wild turkey will be required to make an annual purchase of a deer license or a wild turkey license. A person with a lifetime fishing license wanting to fish for trout will be required to make an annual trout fee payment.
2. The Department of Natural Resources projects the number of lifetime licenses that will be sold annually at 10,000. This estimate is based on the average number of lifetime hunting and lifetime fishing licenses sold during the years 1979 through 1984.
3. The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for notifying each current lifetime licensee by mail that they are eligible for a \$40.00 refund. No other refunds will be paid to persons holding other types of hunting or fishing licenses. The licensee must request a refund by November 30, 1999. The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for processing and mailing the refunds. The actual number of licensees requesting a refund are unknown.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of House File 86 is estimated to reduce license fee revenues to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund by \$400,000 annually. The estimated fiscal impact of refunds is estimated to range between zero and \$400,000.

SOURCE

Department of Natural Resources

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