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Overview

This bill would modify various provisions affecting game and fish licenses, including raising various fees and eliminating and establishing licensing options.

- 1** **Records management surcharge.** Adds § 97A.065, subd. 7. Requires the new 25 cent surcharge created in section 29 to be deposited in the special revenue fund and appropriates the money to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for development and maintenance of a records management system for the Division of Enforcement.
- 2** **Deer, bear, and lifetime licenses.** Amends § 97A.075, subd. 1. Technical.
- 3** **License period.** Amends § 97A.411, subd. 1. Clarifies that short-term licenses are valid for the time period of the license even if they cross over license years and clarifies the license period for a three-year angling license.
- 4** **Validity of license when age or residency status changes.** Amends § 97A.431, subd. 3. States that a license to take a wild animal remains valid for the rest of the license period even if the licensee's age, residency, or qualification status changes.
- 5** **Application for license.** Amends § 97A.431, subd. 3. Increases the moose hunting license application fee from \$3 to \$4.
- 6** **Application for license.** Amends § 97A.433, subd. 3. Increases the elk hunting license application fee from \$3 to \$4.
- 7** **Eligibility.** Amends § 97A.435, subd. 2. Removes eligibility requirements for turkey licenses regarding age and possession of a firearms safety certificate.
- 8** **Application for license.** Amends § 97A.435, subd. 3. Increases the turkey hunting license application fee from \$3 to \$4.
- 9** **Residents under age 16; small game.** Modifies resident small game hunting requirements for those under age 16 by removing a requirement that they obtain a free license and instead allows them to hunt without a license. Requires residents under age 13 to obtain a free turkey license in order to take

a turkey. Allows 13 year olds to apply for a prairie chicken license without a firearm's safety certificate if they are accompanied by an adult who has one (this is currently allowed for those 12 and under).

- 10 Nonresidents under age 18; small game.** Adds § 97A.451, subd. 3b. Allows nonresident youth ages 16 and 17 to obtain a small game license at the lower resident license fee if they have a firearms safety certificate. Allows the following nonresidents under 16 to take small game by obtaining a free license:
- 14 and 15 year olds with a firearms safety certificate;
 - 13 year olds with a firearms safety certificate who are accompanied by a parent/guardian; and
 - 12 year olds accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- 11 Persons under age 13; big game.** Amends § 97A.451, subd. 4. Allows a person age 10, 11, or 12 to take big game if they are under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian.
- 12 Nonresident youth; angling.** Amends § 451, subd. 5. Requires nonresident 16 and 17 year olds to purchase a fishing license for a \$12 fee.
- 13 Lifetime angling license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 2. Increases the fees for resident lifetime angling licenses as follows:
- for those age 3 and under: from \$227 to \$343 (increase of \$116);
 - for those age 4 to 15: from \$300 to \$473 (increase of \$173);
 - for those age 16 to 50: from \$383 to \$ 571 (increase of \$188); and
 - for those age 51 and over: from \$203 to \$401 (increase of \$198).
- 14 Lifetime small game license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 3. Increases the fees for resident lifetime small game hunting licenses as follows:
- for those age 3 and under: from \$217 to \$223 (increase of \$6);
 - for those age 4 to 15: from \$290 to \$301 (increase of \$11);
 - for those age 16 to 50: from \$363 to \$ 430 (increase of \$67); and
 - for those age 51 and over: from \$213 to \$274 (increase of \$61).
- 15 Lifetime deer hunting license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 4. Increases the fees for resident lifetime deer hunting licenses as follows:
- for those age 3 and under: from \$337 to \$406 (increase of \$69);
 - for those age 4 to 15: from \$538 to \$450 (increase of \$88);
 - for those age 16 to 50: from \$656 to \$ 573 (increase of \$83); and
 - for those age 51 and over: from \$383 to \$468 (increase of \$85).
- 16 Lifetime sporting license; fee.** Amends § 97A.473, subd. 5. Increases the fees for resident lifetime sporting licenses as follows:
- for those age 3 and under: from \$357 to \$567 (increase of \$210);

- for those age 4 to 15: from \$480 to \$786 (increase of \$306);
 - for those age 16 to 50: from \$613 to \$924 (increase of \$311); and
 - for those age 51 and over: from \$413 to \$668 (increase of \$255).
- 17 Nonresident lifetime angling license; fee.** Amends § 97A.474, subd. 2. Increases the fees for nonresident lifetime angling licenses as follows:
- for those age 3 and under: from \$447 to \$726 (increase of \$279);
 - for those age 4 to 15: from \$600 to \$925 (increase of \$325);
 - for those age 16 to 50: from \$773 to \$1,054 (increase of \$281); and
 - for those age 51 and over: from \$513 to \$702 (increase of \$189).
- 18 Resident hunting.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 2. Increases various resident hunting fees, including a \$2 increase in the small game license fee and a \$4 increase in the firearms, archery, and muzzleloader deer license fees. Reduces various youth hunting fees to \$5, including the firearms, muzzleloader, and archery deer hunting fees, turkey hunting fees and small game hunting fees. Establishes a 72-hour small game license for a fee of \$19.
- 19 Nonresident hunting.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 3. Increases various nonresident hunting fees, including a \$17.50 increase in the small game license fee and a \$25 increase in the firearms, archery, and muzzleloader deer license fees (the increase is \$2 for nonresident youth deer hunting licenses). Establishes a 72-hour nonresident small game license for a fee of \$75.
- 20 Small game surcharge.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 4. Exempts the new 72-hour small game licenses and resident small game youth licenses for 16 and 17 year olds from the existing small game surcharge.
- 21 Resident fishing.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 6. Increases fishing license fees, including the angling license fee for those 18 years and older from \$17 to \$24. Reduces the fee for spear fishing to \$5 and requires an angling license to be purchased in order to spear. Establishes fees for new fishing licensing options, including a 72-hour license for \$12, a 90-day license for \$18, and a three-year license for \$69. Reduces the angling license fee for 16 and 17 year olds to \$5.
- 22 Nonresident fishing.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 7. Increases nonresident fishing license fees, including the fee for nonresidents 18 years and older from \$38.50 to \$40. Reduces the fee for nonresident spear fishing to \$10 and requires an angling license to be purchased in order to spear. Reduces the angling license fee for 16 and 17 year old nonresidents to \$12. Increases the nonresident fishing license surcharge from \$2 to \$5.
- 23 Minnesota sporting; super sports.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 8. Increases the annual license fees for existing Minnesota sporting licenses and establishes a new Minnesota super sporting license available to residents that allows the taking of fish by angling, small game, and deer (includes trout, pheasant, and waterfowl stamp validations). The fee for the new super sporting license is \$92.50 for an individual, or \$118.50 for a married couple (which allows both to fish and one to take small game and deer).
- 24 Fish houses, dark houses, and shelters; residents.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 11. Increases the resident license fees for fish houses, dark houses, and shelters.
- 25 Fish houses, dark houses, and shelters; nonresidents.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 12. Increases the nonresident license fees for fish houses, dark houses, and shelters.

- 26 Trapping license.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 20. Increases the resident trapping license fees for adults and reduces the trapping license fee for those over age 13 and under 18 to \$5 (from \$6).
- 27 Duplicate licenses.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 43. Establishes a \$2 duplicate license fee for the new Minnesota super sporting license.
- 28 Replacement licenses.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 44. Exempts the new Minnesota super sporting license from the \$5 replacement fee for replacing firearms deer license.
- 29 Records management surcharge.** Adds § 97A.475, subd. Applies a surcharge of \$.25 to game and fish licenses for the development and maintenance of a records management system.
- 30 Camp Ripley archery deer hunt.** Amends § 97A.475, subd. 46. Increases the application fee for Camp Ripley archery hunting from \$8 to \$12.
- 31 Electronic licensing system commission.** Amends § 97A.485, subd. 7. Allows the commissioner to keep all issuing fees collected when issuing licenses by removing existing exemptions.
- 32 Firearms safety certificate required.** Amends § 97B.020. Technical.
- 33 Bear license required; application.** Amends § 97B.401. Establishes a \$4 application fee for bear hunting licenses and prohibits a person from making more than one application.
- 34 Stamp required.** Amends § 97B.715, subd. 1. Exempts residents and nonresidents hunting under the new 72-hour small game hunting license from the pheasant stamp requirement and exempts nonresident youth from the requirement and requires nonresidents over age 65, currently not required to get one to do so.
- 35 Minnesota migratory waterfowl stamp required.** Amends § 97B.801. Exempts residents and nonresidents hunting under the new 72-hour small game hunting license from the migratory waterfowl stamp requirement.
- 36 Trout and salmon stamp validation.** Amends § 97C.305. Exempts 17 and 18 year olds and those fishing under a 72-hour fishing license from trout and salmon stamp requirements.
- 37 Repealer.** Repeals §§ 97A.451, subd. 3a (nonresident youth small game hunting license fees); 97A.473, subd. 2a (lifetime spearing license), subd. 2b (lifetime angling/spearing license, and subd. 5a (lifetime sporting with spearing option license).