

1 AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 150.175 is amended to read as follows:

4 The kinds of licenses and tags authorized by this chapter, and the acts authorized to be
5 performed under the licenses and tags, subject to the other provisions of this chapter and
6 subject to administrative regulations promulgated under this chapter, shall be as follows:

- 7 (1) Statewide resident sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to take fishes by
8 angling, or take crayfish by a minnow seine, or by hand, to take minnows by the use
9 of a minnow seine, minnow trap, or dip net, or to take fishes by grabbing, gigging,
10 snagging, snaring, jugging, and bow and arrow, and to take frogs and turtles from
11 any waters in any county of this state open for such purposes and subject to the
12 limitations in this chapter and additional limitations that the department may from
13 time to time prescribe. This license shall not authorize the holder to sell fish;
- 14 (2) A short-term sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to perform all acts
15 authorized by a statewide sport fishing license and subject to the same limitations or
16 prescribed administrative regulations. This license shall not authorize the holder to
17 sell fish;
- 18 (3) A resident commercial fishing license and a nonresident commercial fishing license,
19 which authorize a holder to perform any act authorized by a sport fishing license and
20 to take rough fishes from the waters of the state by the use of commercial fishing
21 gear as prescribed by administrative regulation. The license shall also authorize the
22 holder to sell rough fishes, other than those protected by administrative regulation;
- 23 (4) A commercial fishing gear tag, which shall be attached to each piece of commercial
24 fishing gear including hoop nets, slat traps, trotline, wing nets, and to each one
25 hundred (100) feet of linear gear or portion thereof in use, including commercial
26 seines, gill nets, or trammel nets. Commercial gear tags may be issued only to a
27 person holding a resident or nonresident commercial fishing license;

- 1 (5) Live fish and bait dealer's licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the
2 holder to sell bait and live fish as may be prescribed by administrative regulation;
- 3 (6) Musseling licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to take
4 mussels for commercial purposes as may be prescribed by administrative regulation;
- 5 (7) A statewide resident hunting license, which authorizes the holder to take or pursue
6 wild animals, wild birds, frogs, and turtles with gun, bow and arrow, dog, or falcon,
7 or to participate in a fox-hunting party engaged in the hunting or pursuing of foxes
8 with dogs for sport, according to the provisions of the laws and administrative
9 regulations of the department;
- 10 (8) A junior statewide hunting license, which may be issued to a person before he or she
11 has reached his or her sixteenth birthday, and which authorizes the holder to exercise
12 all the privileges authorized by a statewide hunting license. No junior hunting license
13 shall be issued without the written permission of parent, guardian, or person having
14 custody of the person under sixteen (16) years of age;
- 15 (9) Trapping licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to take wild
16 animals by trapping upon his or her own lands or upon the lands of another person,
17 if the holder of the license has first obtained oral or written consent as provided in
18 KRS 150.092 and administrative regulation;
- 19 (10) A taxidermist license, which authorizes the holder to engage in the act of preparing,
20 stuffing, and mounting the skins of wildlife;
- 21 (11) A commercial guide's license, which authorizes the holder to guide hunting and
22 fishing parties according to the provisions of the laws and administrative regulations
23 of the department;
- 24 (12) Fur buyer's licenses, resident and nonresident, which authorize the holder to buy raw
25 furs from licensed trappers and hunters and to sell raw furs so purchased. Applicants
26 for the license shall state the number of premises to be used and shall display at each
27 a copy of the license as furnished by the department, except that the commissioner

- 1 may limit the number of copies furnished and may revoke the license for violation;
- 2 (13) A fur processor's license, which may be issued only to a resident, a partnership, firm,
3 or corporation of this state and which authorizes the holder to buy raw furs when in
4 legal possession for processing, manufacture, or retention in cold storage or for
5 resale;
- 6 (14) A nonresident sport fishing license, which authorizes the holder to perform any act
7 authorized by a resident statewide sport fishing license. This license shall not
8 authorize the holder to sell fish;
- 9 (15) A nonresident annual hunting license, which authorizes the holder to perform any act
10 authorized by a resident statewide hunting license;
- 11 (16) Shoot-to-retrieve field trial permits, four (4) day and single day, which authorize a
12 permit holder to conduct a shoot-to-retrieve field trial on private or government-
13 owned lands. With a four (4) day permit, all participants, whether residents or
14 nonresidents, shall not be required to possess any other license to participate in the
15 permitted field trial, and the permit shall expire four (4) days after the date on which
16 the field trial began. With the single day permit, the permit is valid for one (1) day
17 and all participants shall have a valid resident or nonresident annual Kentucky
18 hunting license. A permit is not required to conduct a shoot-to-retrieve field trial on
19 a licensed shooting preserve; however, all participants that take or attempt to take
20 game shall have in their possession a resident or nonresident annual Kentucky
21 hunting license;
- 22 (17) Game permits and junior game permits, which, in combination with a valid statewide
23 hunting license or a valid junior statewide hunting license, authorize the holder to
24 take or pursue the specified game species in any designated open area of this state,
25 during the open season and according to the provisions of the laws and
26 administrative regulations governing the hunting;
- 27 (18) A combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes only resident holders to

- 1 perform all acts valid under either a sport fishing or hunting license;
- 2 (19) A trout permit, which in combination with a valid statewide fishing license,
3 authorizes the holder to take trout by angling or as may be prescribed by
4 administrative regulation;
- 5 (20) A commercial waterfowl permit, which authorizes the holder to establish and
6 operate a commercial waterfowl hunting preserve;
- 7 (21) A short-term hunting license, which authorizes the holder to perform all acts
8 authorized by a statewide hunting license according to the provisions of the laws and
9 administrative regulations of the department;
- 10 (22) A joint statewide resident sport fishing license issued to a husband and wife which
11 authorizes them to take fish as provided in subsection (1) of this section. The license
12 fee for this joint license shall be ten percent (10%) less than the license fee set by the
13 commission for two (2) statewide resident sport fishing licenses;
- 14 (23) A Kentucky migratory bird permit, which in combination with a valid statewide
15 hunting license and compliance with applicable federal law, authorizes the holder to
16 take or pursue waterfowl and migratory shore or upland game birds;
- 17 (24) A pay lake license which authorizes the holder to operate privately owned
18 impounded waters for fishing purposes for which a fee is charged;
- 19 (25) A senior combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes the holder to
20 perform all acts valid under a sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, or a state
21 permit to take deer, turkey, trout, waterfowl, or migratory shore or upland game
22 birds, and which shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is sixty-five (65) years
23 of age or older.
- 24 The senior combination license shall not be valid unless the holder carries proof of
25 residency and proof of age, as the department may require by administrative
26 regulation, on his or her person while performing an act authorized by the license;
- 27 (26) A senior lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, which remains valid until

1 the death of the holder and authorizes the holder to perform all acts valid under a
 2 sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, and a state permit to take deer, turkey,
 3 trout, waterfowl, and migratory shore and upland game birds, and which shall be
 4 available to a Kentucky resident who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older;

5 (27) A disabled combination hunting and fishing license, which authorizes the holder to
 6 perform all acts valid under a sport fishing license, a sport hunting license, and a
 7 state permit to take deer, turkey, trout, waterfowl, and migratory shore and upland
 8 game birds, and which shall be available to a Kentucky resident who is:

9 (a) An American veteran at least fifty percent (50%) disabled as a result of a
 10 service-connected disability; or

11 (b) Declared permanently and totally disabled by the federal Social Security
 12 Administration, the United States Office of Personnel Management, the
 13 Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, the Department of Workers' Claims or
 14 its equivalent from another state, or the United States Railroad Retirement
 15 Board.

16 The disabled combination license shall not be valid unless the holder carries proof of
 17 residency and proof of disability, as the department may require by administrative
 18 regulation, on his or her person while performing an act authorized by the license;

19 (28) A sportsman's license for residents that includes an annual hunting and fishing license
 20 and such permits as allowed by administrative regulations promulgated by the
 21 department;~~and~~

22 (29) A special license for residents and nonresidents for the purpose of hunting on
 23 licensed shooting areas. This license shall be valid only for the shooting areas for
 24 which it was issued and shall remain in effect for one (1) year. If the hunter holds
 25 either a nonresident or resident statewide hunting license for the current year, the
 26 special license shall not be required; and

27 (30) A volunteer firefighter combination hunting and fishing license, which

1 authorizes the holder to perform all acts valid under a sport fishing license and a
2 sport hunting license and which shall be available to a Kentucky resident
3 volunteer firefighter who:

4 (a) Is serving a fire department that:

5 1. Is organized under the provisions of:

6 a. KRS Chapter 67;

7 b. KRS Chapter 75;

8 c. KRS Chapter 95A; or

9 d. KRS Chapter 273; and

10 2. Is eligible to participate in the professional firefighters foundation
11 program fund under KRS 95A.230 or 95A.262; and

12 (b) Has completed the one hundred fifty (150) hours of training set out in KRS
13 95A.262 or has completed any annual training that may be required by law.

14 The volunteer firefighter combination license shall not be valid unless the holder
15 carries proof of residency, proof of service with a fire department meeting the
16 qualifications set out in this subsection, and proof of satisfactory training status,
17 as the department may require by administrative regulation, on his or her person
18 while performing an act authorized by the license. The department or authorized
19 agent of the department shall provide this license to applying volunteer
20 firefighters meeting the qualifications set out in this subsection without a fee.

21 The department may offer multiyear licenses or permits for any of the annual licenses or
22 permits authorized in subsections (1), (7), (9), (14), (15), (17), (18), (19), (23), and (28)
23 of this section. A multiyear license or permit shall authorize the holder to perform all acts
24 authorized by the same license or permit if purchased annually and shall be issued in
25 accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the administrative regulations
26 promulgated hereunder. Any multiyear licenses or permits offered by the department
27 relating to the annual licenses or permits authorized in subsections (1), (7), (9), (14), (15),

- 1 (17), (18), (19), (23), and (28) of this section shall be implemented by administrative
- 2 regulation and may be discontinued at any time.