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LEGISLATIVE BILL 634

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Committee: Natural Resources

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend sections 37-201 and
- 2 37-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide for
- 3 issuance of permits for prisoners of war as prescribed; to harmonize
- 4 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 37-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2014, is amended to read:

3 37-201 Sections 37-201 to 37-811 and 37-1501 to 37-1510 and section
4 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

5 Sec. 2. Section 37-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2014, is amended to read:

7 37-405 (1) The commission shall provide for the issuance of permits
8 to hunt, fish, or harvest fur. Application for such permits shall be made
9 to the commission or its agents and shall contain such information as may
10 be prescribed by the commission. All applications for permits to harvest
11 fur shall include the applicant's social security number. A permit shall
12 authorize the person to whom it is issued to hunt, fish, or harvest fur-
13 bearing animals as provided by the Game Law during the period for which
14 the permit is issued.

15 (2) If the holder of a hunting permit is a hunter of migratory game
16 birds, he or she shall be required to declare himself or herself as such
17 and provide information regarding his or her migratory game bird hunting
18 activity to the commission. Documentation of such a declaration shall be
19 made on the hunting permit or a separate document which shall become a
20 part of the permit. Costs to the commission of implementing such
21 declaration and documentation and for participation in a federal program
22 designed to obtain survey information on migratory bird hunting activity
23 shall be funded from the State Game Fund. For purposes of this
24 subsection, migratory bird has the definition found in 50 C.F.R. part 10,
25 subpart B, section 10.12, and migratory game bird has the definition
26 found in 50 C.F.R. part 20, subpart B, section 20.11(a).

27 (3)(a) All permits shall expire at midnight on December 31 in the
28 year for which the permit is issued, except as otherwise provided in
29 subdivision (b) of this subsection and sections 37-415, 37-420, and
30 37-421 and section 3 of this act.

31 (b) The commission may issue multiple-year permits to hunt, fish, or

1 harvest fur. The permits shall expire at midnight on December 31 in the
2 last year for which the permit is valid.

3 (c) A multiple-year permit issued to a resident of Nebraska shall
4 not be made invalid by reason of the holder subsequently residing outside
5 of Nebraska.

6 (4) A person who is hunting, fur harvesting, or fishing shall
7 present evidence of having a permit immediately upon demand to any
8 officer or person whose duty it is to enforce the Game Law. Any person
9 hunting, fishing, or fur harvesting in this state without such evidence
10 shall be deemed to be without such permit.

11 (5) The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
12 necessary to carry out this section.

13 Sec. 3. (1) Any veteran who is a legal resident of the State of
14 Nebraska shall, upon application and payment of a five-dollar fee, be
15 issued a combination fishing and hunting permit, habitat stamp, aquatic
16 habitat stamp, and Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp if the veteran:

17 (a) Was discharged or separated with a characterization of honorable
18 or general (under honorable conditions); and

19 (b) Was a prisoner of war in any war as a result of service in the
20 armed forces of the United States.

21 (2) All permits issued pursuant to this section shall be perpetual
22 and become void only upon termination of eligibility as provided in this
23 section.

24 (3) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
25 necessary to carry out this section.

26 Sec. 4. Original sections 37-201 and 37-405, Revised Statutes
27 Cumulative Supplement, 2014, are repealed.