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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 17-333, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE TAKING
AND HANDLING OF WILDLIFE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 17-333, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 17-333. License classifications; fees; reduced fee and
5 complimentary licenses; exemption from fees; annual
6 report; review

7 A. The commission shall prescribe by rule license classifications
8 that are valid for the taking or handling of wildlife, fees for licenses,
9 permits, tags and stamps and application fees.

10 B. The commission may temporarily reduce or waive any fee
11 prescribed by rule under this title on the recommendation of the director.

12 C. The commission may reduce the fees for licenses and issue
13 complimentary licenses, including the following:

14 1. A complimentary license to a pioneer who is at least seventy
15 years of age and who has been a resident of this state for twenty-five or
16 more consecutive years immediately before applying for the license. The
17 pioneer license is valid for the licensee's lifetime, and the commission
18 may not require renewal of the license.

19 2. A complimentary license to a veteran of the armed forces of the
20 United States who has been a resident of this state for one year or more
21 immediately before applying for the license and who receives compensation
22 from the United States government for a permanent service-connected
23 disability rated as one hundred percent disabling.

24 3. A license for a reduced fee of up to twenty-five percent less
25 than the full license fee to a veteran of the United States armed forces
26 who has been a resident of this state for one year or more immediately
27 before applying for the license and who receives compensation from the
28 United States government for a service-connected disability.

29 4. A license for a reduced fee that is one-half of the full license
30 fee to a person who has been a resident of this state for one year or more
31 immediately before applying for the license and who submits satisfactory
32 proof to the department that the person is a veteran and a bona fide
33 purple heart medal recipient.

34 5. A youth license for a reduced fee to a resident of this state
35 who is either:

36 (a) A member of the boy scouts of America and who has attained the
37 rank of eagle scout.

38 (b) A member of the girl scouts of the USA and who has received the
39 gold award.

40 D. A PERSON WHO IS AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED
41 INDIAN TRIBE LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY IN THIS STATE IS EXEMPT FROM THE
42 FEES FOR LICENSES, PERMITS, TAGS AND STAMPS AND APPLICATION FEES
43 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

1 ~~D.~~ E. All monies collected pursuant to this section shall be
2 deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the game and fish
3 fund established by section 17-261.

4 ~~E.~~ F. On or before December 31 of each year, the commission shall
5 submit an annual report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the
6 house of representatives, the chairperson of the senate natural resources,
7 energy and water committee and the chairperson of the house of
8 representatives energy, environment and natural resources committee, or
9 their successor committees, that includes information relating to license
10 classifications, fees for licenses, permits, tags and stamps and any other
11 fees that the commission prescribes by rule. The joint legislative audit
12 committee may assign a committee of reference to hold a public hearing and
13 review the annual report submitted by the commission.