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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, Chippendale, Jacquard, Azzinaro, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: March 09, 2016

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

(DEM)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20-2-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-2 entitled "Licensing" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **20-2-4. ~~Clerk's fee.~~ Authorized agents fee. --** (a) Out of the fees paid under the
4 provisions of this chapter for issuance of hunting, other than deer permits pursuant to § 20-2-18,
5 fishing, combination, and non-resident shellfishing licenses, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) shall
6 be retained by the ~~clerk or~~ authorized agent issuing each license, if this is the case. Out of the fees
7 paid for issuance of deer permits, the sum of fifty cents (\$.50) shall be retained by the ~~clerk or~~
8 authorized agent. Authorized agents are any persons, including a municipality, who have
9 currently been granted authority by the director to sell hunting and fishing licenses pursuant to
10 chapter 2 of title 20, in compliance with the governing regulations that have been duly
11 promulgated by the director.

12 (b) The director is authorized and directed to engage the contractual services of a state-
13 approved vendor to develop and implement a web-based system that will serve as a means for
14 obtaining licenses pursuant to this chapter. The vendor's responsibilities shall include, but not be
15 limited to:

16 (1) Development of the web-based application;

17 (2) Creation and servicing of authorized licensing agents who will be able to vend
18 licenses at their establishments;

19 (3) Collection and transmittal of license fee revenues; and

1 [\(4\) Storage and transmittal of the license holder database.](#)

2 SECTION 2. Section 20-13-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-13 entitled "Hunting
3 and Hunting Safety" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **20-13-5. Issuance of licenses.** -- (a) ~~The clerk of every town or city, or a special agent~~
5 [Authorized licensing agents](#), shall, upon the application of any eligible person and the payment of
6 the license fee, issue to that person a license to pursue, hunt, and kill game in the state during the
7 open season with firearms or by bow and arrow with an archer's permit; provided, however, that
8 no license shall be granted to or possessed by:

9 (1) Any person under fifteen (15) years of age; provided, however, a junior hunting
10 license may be obtained for persons age twelve (12) to fourteen (14) years of age upon the
11 completion of a basic hunter's safety course; and further provided, that they shall hunt only in the
12 immediate company of a qualified licensed adult twenty-one (21) years of age or over;

13 (2) Any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence or who is a fugitive from
14 justice, as defined in § 11-47-2 of the Firearms Act; or

15 (3) Any person who is under guardianship, treatment or confinement by virtue of being a
16 mental incompetent, or who has been adjudicated or is under treatment or confinement as a drug
17 addict, or who has been adjudicated or is under treatment or confinement as a habitual drunkard.

18 (b) Any person affected by the provisions of subsection (a)(3), other than a person who
19 has been pronounced criminally insane by a competent medical authority, after a lapse of a period
20 of five (5) years from the date of being pronounced cured by a competent medical authority, may
21 obtain a license upon the presentation of an affidavit issued by a competent medical authority to
22 the effect that that person is a mentally stable person and a proper person to possess a hunting
23 license. If that person has no other disqualifying record, he or she will be allowed to purchase and
24 possess a hunting license.

25 (c) Every hunting license shall ~~be printed or stamped upon some durable material and~~
26 ~~shall~~ bear the name, age, occupation, place of residence, and an identifying description of the
27 licensee, and shall expire on the last day of February next succeeding the date of issue, and may
28 be revoked within the discretion of the director of environmental management. Every hunting
29 license shall plainly and conspicuously indicate upon its face the year of issuance and shall be in
30 the form prescribed by the director.

31 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would facilitate the issuance of hunting licenses by Internet application.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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