

## *Wildlife Heritage License – Resident*

Code of Alabama

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### **Section 9-11-71 WILDLIFE HERITAGE LICENSE.**

There is established a Wildlife Heritage License. This license shall have a fee of nine dollars (\$9), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1), which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of this act, if purchased separately from one of the other licenses. The wildlife heritage license shall enable all Alabama residents age 16 through 64 to do the following: Fish those waters under the jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as provided under Rule 220-2-.42, Alabama Administrative Code, with a hook and line from the bank in other than the person's county of residence; fish in Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries operated public fishing lakes, provided that the person obtains the required permit; hunt small game, except waterfowl, on Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Wildlife Management Areas; shoot on Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shooting ranges; and provide a means to contribute to the conservation of all wildlife species. The requirements for the issuance of the Wildlife Heritage License shall be as provided in subsection (c) of Section 9-11-44, Code of Alabama 1975. The wildlife heritage license may be issued on a lifetime basis for a license fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of this act.

### **Section 9-11-65 LIFETIME RESIDENT HUNTING, FRESHWATER FISHING AND COMBINATION LICENSES.**

(d) The holder of a valid lifetime hunting or lifetime freshwater fishing license shall also be entitled to all of the privileges of the Wildlife Heritage License.

### **Section 9-11-32 DURATION AND SCOPE OF LICENSES.**

"Unless specifically provided otherwise by law, all annual wildlife heritage, hunting, and fishing licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall be dated when issued and shall authorize the person named on the license to participate in the licensed activities from September 1 or the date of issuance to the next August 31, and then only within the regulations and restrictions provided by law."

### **Section 9-11-44.1 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF APPROVED HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSE; PENALTY; "SUPERVISION REQUIRED" STATUS.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person born on or after August 1, 1977, and of 16 years of age or older, or his or her agent, to procure any annual, trip, or wildlife heritage hunting license unless the person has been issued and exhibits to the issuing agent at the time of purchasing any annual, trip, or wildlife heritage hunting license, a certification of satisfactory completion by the person of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The person shall only be required to exhibit the certification at the time of purchase of his or her initial license. The exhibition of the certification shall not be required at the time of purchase of subsequent licenses if the person exhibits to the issuing agent at the time of purchase a license which was issued by this state to him or her in a previous year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, active duty U.S. military personnel, Alabama residents who are active members of the National Guard of the United States, and persons certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission as law enforcement officers who are employed by a law enforcement agency, as the terms are defined in Section 36-21-40, upon submission of proof of that status, shall be exempt from this requirement. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may provide by regulation for the specific proof requirements.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a), it shall be unlawful for any person authorized to issue hunting licenses in this state to issue any annual, trip, or wildlife heritage hunting license to any person born on or after August 1, 1977, or his or her agent, unless that license agent shall have been provided with a certification of satisfactory completion by the person of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or in lieu of a certification a license issued by the state to the person in a previous year.
- (h) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, a person may obtain any required trip, annual, or wildlife heritage hunting license without the above-required certification, but shall only be entitled to hunt under a "supervision required" status, which shall be noted on the face of the license, under which the person may only hunt under the supervision of another person otherwise meeting the requirements of subsection (a) as a licensed or otherwise lawful hunter aged 21 year or older who is not the holder of the "supervision required" license. For the purposes of this subsection, "supervision" shall mean under the normal voice control, not to exceed 30 feet, of the supervising person.

### **Section 9-11-45 LICENSE TO HUNT ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS; FEE; VIOLATIONS**

"(a) Unless a person is properly licensed for a particular activity under the Wildlife Heritage License, any person who hunts on state operated wildlife management areas in this state shall pay a special annual license fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) in addition to the amount of the resident or nonresident's licenses specified in Sections 9-11-44 to 9-11-49, inclusive, payment of which shall be evidenced by a stamp, license, big game tag system, or other appropriate method as the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may prescribe.

"(d) Whoever uses a Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shooting range age 16 through 64 shall hold a valid license issued pursuant to this section, the wildlife heritage license issued pursuant to Section 4 of the act adding this language, or a valid license issued pursuant to Sections 9-11-44 to 9-11-49, inclusive.

"(e) Whoever hunts on state-operated wildlife management areas without first obtaining the proper hunting license and the special license required in this section or the wildlife heritage license issued pursuant to Section 4 of the act adding this language if applicable, or whoever utilizes a Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shooting range in this state in violation of this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as prescribed in Section 9-11-51.

### **Section 9-11-68 COST ADJUSTMENTS - HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.**

Beginning with the license year October 1, 2010, and each license year thereafter, those license fees and issuance fees specified in Act 2007-418 shall be subject to a possible cost adjustment based on the following procedure: By the end of November of 2009, and each November thereafter, the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, may submit to the Chair of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources, a recommendation of an increase in both the license fees and issuance fees for the licenses, based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (All Items - U.S. City Average) maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the immediately preceding yearly period of October to October, rounded down to the nearest nickel. The recommendation shall be subject to the approval of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources on or before the end of March of each year. If the increase is approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources, the board through its secretary, by the end of March of each year, shall submit the board's recommendation to the Chair of the Legislative Council, for the Legislative Council's review and approval. In the event the recommendation is not disapproved by the Legislative Council by the end of April of each year, the recommendation of the board shall be deemed to be approved. In the event one or more years elapses during which there is no adjustment as provided for herein, the same procedure may be followed to obtain a net cumulative increase since the previous increase.

### **Regulation 220-2-.06 GAME ANIMALS DESIGNATED**

The following animals are hereby designated as game animals: Bear, Beaver, Coyote, Deer, Opossum, Eastern Cottontail and Swamp Rabbit, Raccoon, Squirrel, Nutria, Fox, Mountain Lion (Cougar), Groundhog, Bobcat, Red Wolf, Feral Swine (Wild Hog or Wild Pig).

### **Regulation 220-2-.34 GAME FISH DESIGNATED**

The following shall be named and designated as game fish: All members of the sunfish family (Centrarchidae) to include: Black Bass - largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, Alabama, shoal, and those species formerly known as "redeye" bass, which are now known separately as Coosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Tallapoosa, and Chattahoochee bass, based on their respective drainages. The Alabama bass was formerly known as spotted bass in the Mobile drainage. Bream - rock bass, flier, shadow bass, warmouth, redbreast, bluegill, longear, and redear (shellcracker). Crappie - black and white crappie. All members of the temperate bass family (Moronidae) to include: Temperate Bass - saltwater striped, white, and yellow bass and any hybrids thereof. All members of the pike family (Esocidae) to include: Pickerel - chain, redbfin, and grass pickerel. The following members of the perch family (Percidae): Perch – sauger (jack), walleye, and yellow perch. The following members of the trout family (Salmonidae): Trout - rainbow trout.