

Wildlife Management Area – Resident & Non-Resident

Code of Alabama

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Section 9-11-45 *LICENSE TO HUNT DEER OR WILD TURKEY ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS; FEE OF ISSUING AUTHORITY; DISPOSITION OF FEES.*

- (a) Whoever 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 state, county, 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.
- (b) The issuing officer or authority shall be allowed a fee of one dollar (\$1) for each special license issued by him or her, which issuing fee shall be in addition to the cost of the special license. In counties where the judge of probate or issuing officer is on the fee system, the issuing fee shall be retained by the judge of probate or issuing officer, and in counties where the issuing officer or judge of probate is on a salary basis, the fee shall be paid to the county treasury; provided, that the license established by this section shall not be required of any Alabama resident who is 65 years of age or older or who is 15 years of age or younger.
- (c) All license fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund and shall be expended in the operation of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries program, including the acquiring of additional conservation officers and the expansion of public hunting areas.
- (d) Whoever uses a shooting range on state-operated wildlife management areas and who is required to have a valid hunting license in order to hunt shall hold a valid license issued pursuant to this section 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 whoever utilizes a shooting range on state-operated wildlife management areas 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.