

**Lifetime – Resident**

Code of Alabama

[www.legislature.state.al.us](http://www.legislature.state.al.us)**Section 9-11-65 Lifetime resident hunting, fishing and combination licenses; fees; effect of nonresidency.**

- (a) Any Alabama resident meeting the residency requirements set out in Section 9-11-44 may in lieu of the resident all-game hunting license purchase a lifetime resident hunting license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed by said commissioner and paying therefor the following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language: Persons less than two years old, three hundred dollars (\$300); persons age two through 11, four hundred dollars (\$400); persons age 12 through 49, five hundred dollars (\$500); and persons age 50 and above, three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (b) Any Alabama resident meeting the residency requirements set out in Section 9-11-53 may in lieu of the annual resident freshwater fishing license purchase a lifetime resident freshwater fishing license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed by said commissioner and paying therefor the following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language: Persons less than two years old, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150); persons age two through 11, two hundred dollars (\$200); persons age 12 through 49, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250); and persons age 50 and above, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (c) In lieu of purchasing the licenses provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this section separately, any person may purchase a combination lifetime resident hunting and freshwater fishing license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed by said commissioner and paying therefor the following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language: Persons less than two years old, four hundred fifty dollars (\$450); persons age two through 11, five hundred dollars (\$500); persons age 12 through 49, seven hundred dollars (\$700); and persons age 50 and above, four hundred fifty dollars (\$450).
- (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.
- (e) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, nonresidents of the State of Alabama shall not be entitled to the licenses provided for in this section.

**Section 9-11-65.2 Lifetime resident saltwater fishing license; combination licenses with freshwater fishing, hunting.**

- (a) Any Alabama resident meeting the residency requirements set out in Section 9-11-53.1, in lieu of the annual resident saltwater fishing license provided for in Section 9-11-53.1, may purchase a lifetime resident saltwater fishing license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed and paying the following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language: Persons less than two years old, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250); persons age two through 11, three hundred dollars (\$300); persons age 12 through 49, three hundred fifty dollars (\$350); and persons age 50 and above, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The license fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.
- (b) In lieu of obtaining the licenses provided for in subsection (a) hereof and in subsection (b) of Section 9-11-65, any person may purchase a combination lifetime resident freshwater and saltwater fishing license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed and paying the following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language: Persons less than two years old, four hundred dollars (\$400); persons age two through 11, five hundred dollars (\$500); persons age 12 through 49, six hundred dollars (\$600); and persons age 50 and above, four hundred dollars (\$400). License fees shall be credited as follows: That portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident freshwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (b) of Section 9-11-65 shall be credited to the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund, and that portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident saltwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (a) hereof shall be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund. Section 9-2-20 shall not apply to those fees designated in this section for credit to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.
- (c) In lieu of obtaining the licenses provided for in subsections (a) and (b) hereof and in subsection (a) of Section 9-11-65, any person may purchase a combination lifetime resident saltwater fishing and hunting license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed and paying the following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language: Persons less than two years old, five hundred fifty dollars (\$550); persons age two through 11, seven hundred dollars (\$700); persons age 12 through 49, eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850); and persons age 50 and above, five hundred fifty dollars (\$550). License fees shall be credited as follows: That portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident hunting license as

provided for in subsection (a) of Section 9-11-65 shall be credited to the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund, and that portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident saltwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (a) hereof shall be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund. Section 9-2-20 shall not apply to those fees designated in this section for credit to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.

- (d) In lieu of obtaining the license provided for in subsection (a) hereof and in subsection (c) of Section 9-11-65, any person may purchase a combination lifetime resident freshwater and saltwater fishing and hunting license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed and paying the following license fees which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 2 of the act adding this language: Persons less than two years old, seven hundred dollars (\$700); persons age two through 11, eight hundred dollars (\$800); persons age 12 through 49, one thousand fifty dollars (\$1,050); and persons age 50 and above, seven hundred dollars (\$700). License fees shall be credited as follows: That portion of the license fee representing the amount of the combination lifetime resident hunting and freshwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (c) of Section 9-11-65 shall be credited to the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund, and that portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident saltwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (a) hereof shall be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund. Section 9-2-20 shall not apply to those fees designated in this section for credit to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund."

Section 3. (a) No person shall hunt, fish, or trap in areas or under any conditions that a hunting, fishing, or trapping license is required by law, during any period that the person's hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges pursuant to the license have been revoked or suspended by a court of competent jurisdiction.

- (b) Unless specifically otherwise authorized by law, all hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall not be transferable, and it shall be unlawful to borrow, lend, or alter any such license, provide false information in the process of obtaining any such license, or for any license-issuing officer to falsify any license at the time of issuing the license.

- (c) A violation of this section shall be a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.

## **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.

Act 2007-418, p. 874, §2.: Relating to hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; to enact the "Wildlife Heritage Act of 2007;" to amend Sections 9-11-32, 9-11-44, 9-11-44.1, 9-11-45, 9-11-46, 9-11-47, 9-11-48, 9-11-49, 9-11-51, 9-11-53, 9-11-55, 9-11-56, 9-11-65, and 9-11-65.2, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase the fees for various licenses; to allow a cost adjustment for license fees and issuance fees.

## **Section 9-11-44.1 Persons 16 years of age or older required to present certification of completion of approved Hunter Education course prior to obtaining hunting license; penalty.**

- (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.
  - (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a), it shall be unlawful for any person born on or after August 1, 1977, of 16 years of age or older, to hunt in the State of Alabama pursuant to any Alabama lifetime hunting or Alabama lifetime hunting and fishing license, without the person first obtaining a certification of satisfactory completion by the person of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
  - (d) It shall be unlawful for any person or his or her agent to wrongfully or fraudulently obtain or issue this certification.
  - (e) The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may provide by regulation the procedure whereby the department may revoke or cancel any hunting license and/or hunter education certification upon determination that the holder thereof was not entitled to issuance or obtained the license or certification by any fraudulent means. Upon revocation or cancellation, the holder thereof shall surrender the license and/or certification to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
  - (f) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, shall prescribe a course of instruction in competency and safety in hunting and in the handling of firearms and archery equipment. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall also prescribe procedures whereby competent residents of this state shall be certified as hunter education instructors. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries may approve hunter education courses from other jurisdictions.
  - (g) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
  - (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 or older who is not the holder of the "supervision required" license. For the purposes of this subdivision, "supervision" shall mean under the normal voice control, not to exceed 30 feet, of the supervising person.

## **Section 9-11-82                      GAME FISH DESIGNATED.**

For the purposes of this title the following shall be considered game fish: largemouth and smallmouth black bass, commonly called trout or green trout; bream, crappie or perch and all other members of the sunfish family, including rock bass or goggle eye, calico bass, warmouth, redbreast, white perch, speckled perch, bluegill and copper nose; walleye pike, sauger or jack salmon, jack fish or pickerel and all other members of the pickerel and pike families; and white lake bass, commonly called striped bass, yellow bass and other members of the bass family; also, the saltwater striped bass or rock fish when taken in fresh water.

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

The following animals are hereby designated as game animals: Bear, Beaver, Coyote, Deer, Opossum, Rabbit, Raccoon, Squirrel, Nutria, Fox, Mountain Lion (Cougar), Groundhog, Bobcat, Red Wolf, Feral Swine (Wild Hog), except those feral swine reduced to the personal possession of a landowner or his agent, provided, however, that notwithstanding such reduction to personal possession, in the event such feral swine are hunted, they shall at such time of hunting be designated as game animals.