

HOUSE BILL No. 2547

By Representative Chauncey

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AN ACT concerning wildlife; relating to hunting; requiring a valid upland game bird stamp prior to taking any upland game bird in this state; exempting hunters who are not required to have a hunting license, hunters on private land and lifetime license holders; establishing the upland game bird restoration fund and the upland game bird restoration program; requiring moneys from such fund to be used for the procurement and release of upland game birds in Kansas; establishing a youth season for taking upland game birds; setting a maximum fee for an upland game bird stamp; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 32-988 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 4, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the upland game bird restoration act.

(b) As used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Act" means sections 1 through 4, and amendments thereto.

(2) "Program" means the upland game bird restoration program.

(3) "Secretary" means the secretary of wildlife and parks.

(4) "Upland game bird" means any grouse, partridge, pheasant, prairie chicken or quail.

(5) "Upland game bird stamp" means a valid stamp issued by the Kansas department of wildlife and parks pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 2. (a) (1) In addition to any other license, permit or stamp required by law or rules and regulations of the secretary, an upland game bird stamp is required prior to taking any upland game bird in this state.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to lawful hunting by a person who is:

(A) Not required to hold a hunting license pursuant to K.S.A. 32-919, and amendments thereto;

(B) hunting only on private land; or

(C) a lifetime license holder.

(b) An upland game bird stamp shall be valid throughout the state from the date of issuance and shall expire at 12:00 a.m. on July 1 following such stamp's issuance.

(c) Each upland game bird stamp shall be validated by the signature

1 of the stamp holder written across the face of such stamp.

2 (d) (1) The fee for an upland game bird stamp shall be in the amount
3 prescribed pursuant to K.S.A. 32-988, and amendments thereto.

4 (2) The secretary shall remit all moneys received by the secretary
5 from fees under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with
6 K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such
7 remittance, the state treasurer, notwithstanding any other law to the
8 contrary, shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit
9 of the upland game bird restoration fee fund. All expenditures from the
10 upland game bird restoration fee fund shall be made only for the purposes
11 of this act in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the
12 director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by
13 the secretary or the secretary's designee. Notwithstanding any other law to
14 the contrary, no moneys shall be transferred or otherwise revert from this
15 fund to the state general fund by appropriation act or other act of the
16 legislature.

17 New Sec. 3. There is hereby established in the state treasury the
18 upland game bird restoration fee fund. The upland game bird restoration
19 fee fund shall be administered by the secretary. All expenditures from such
20 fund shall be for the procurement and release of upland game birds within
21 the state of Kansas. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in
22 accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of
23 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the
24 secretary or the secretary's designee.

25 New Sec. 4. (a) There is hereby established the upland game bird
26 restoration program. The purpose of the program is to:

27 (1) Promote continuing hunting opportunities for the youth of
28 Kansas;

29 (2) reestablish populations of upland game birds on public hunting
30 land; and

31 (3) increase tourism revenue.

32 (b) The secretary shall:

33 (1) Implement and administer the program;

34 (2) enter into service contracts with vendors pursuant to the
35 competitive bid requirements of K.S.A. 75-3739, and amendments thereto,
36 for the release of upland game birds that have been procured through the
37 program;

38 (3) establish a 10-day youth season for the taking of upland game
39 birds, which shall begin 10 days prior to the opening day of each regular
40 open season. Only a person who is 17 years of age or younger and
41 accompanied by an adult who is 18 years of age or older may hunt during
42 the youth season for the taking of upland game birds; and

43 (4) adopt rules and regulations to implement the program in

1 accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and 32-807, and amendments thereto.
2 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 32-988 is hereby amended to read as
3 follows: 32-988. (a) The secretary is authorized to adopt, in accordance
4 with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, rules and regulations fixing
5 the amount of fees for the following items, subject to the following
6 limitations and subject to the requirement that no such rules and
7 regulations shall be adopted as temporary rules and regulations:
8 Big game permits
9 Resident (other than elk permit): maximum \$100
10 Nonresident (other than elk permit): maximum \$400
11 Elk permit: maximum \$350
12 Nonresident mule deer stamp: maximum \$150
13 Nonresident applications: maximum \$25
14 Combination hunting and fishing licenses
15 Resident: maximum \$50
16 Lifetime: maximum \$1,000; or 8 quarterly payments, each maximum
17 \$150
18 Nonresident: maximum \$200
19 Commercial dog training permits: maximum \$25
20 Commercial guide permit or associate guide permit
21 Resident: maximum \$250
22 Nonresident: maximum \$1,000
23 Commercial harvest or dealer permits: maximum \$200
24 Commercial prairie rattlesnake harvesting permits
25 Resident or nonresident with valid hunting license: maximum \$5
26 Resident or nonresident nonfirearm without valid hunting license:
27 maximum \$20
28 Controlled shooting area operator license: maximum \$400
29 Duplicate licenses, permits, stamps and other issues of the department:
30 maximum \$10
31 Falconry
32 Permits: maximum \$300
33 Examinations: maximum \$100
34 Field trial permits: maximum \$25
35 Fishing licenses
36 Resident: maximum \$25
37 Lifetime: maximum \$500; or 8 quarterly payments, each maximum
38 \$75
39 Nonresident: maximum \$75
40 Five-day nonresident: maximum \$25
41 Institutional group: maximum \$200
42 Special nonprofit group: maximum \$200
43 Twenty-four-hour: maximum \$10

- 1 Fur dealer licenses
- 2 Resident: maximum \$200
- 3 Nonresident: maximum \$400
- 4 Furharvester licenses
- 5 Resident: maximum \$25
- 6 Lifetime: maximum \$500; or 8 quarterly payments, each maximum
- 7 \$75
- 8 Nonresident: maximum \$400
- 9 Game breeder permits: maximum \$15
- 10 Persons with a physical or developmental disability hunting and fishing
- 11 permits: maximum \$5
- 12 Hound trainer-breeder running permits: maximum \$25
- 13 Hunting licenses
- 14 Resident: maximum \$25
- 15 Lifetime: maximum \$500; or 8 quarterly payments, each maximum
- 16 \$75
- 17 Nonresident 16 or more years of age: maximum \$125
- 18 Nonresident under 16 years of age: maximum \$75
- 19 Controlled shooting area: maximum \$25
- 20 Forty-eight-hour waterfowl permits: maximum \$25
- 21 Migratory waterfowl habitat stamps: maximum \$8
- 22 Mussel fishing licenses
- 23 Resident: maximum \$200
- 24 Nonresident: maximum \$1,500
- 25 Rabbit permits
- 26 Live trapping: maximum \$200
- 27 Shipping: maximum \$400
- 28 Raptor propagation permits: maximum \$100
- 29 Rehabilitation permits: maximum \$50
- 30 Scientific, educational or exhibition permits: maximum \$10
- 31 *Upland game bird stamp*
- 32 *Resident: maximum \$15*
- 33 *Nonresident: maximum \$25*
- 34 Wildlife damage control permits: maximum \$10
- 35 Wildlife importation permits: maximum \$10
- 36 Wild turkey permits
- 37 Resident: maximum \$100
- 38 Nonresident: maximum \$400
- 39 Resident turkey tag: maximum \$20
- 40 Nonresident turkey tag: maximum \$30
- 41 Special permits under K.S.A. 32-961, and amendments thereto: maximum
- 42 \$100
- 43 Miscellaneous fees

- 1 Special events on department land or water: maximum \$200
- 2 Special departmental services, materials or supplies: no maximum
- 3 Other issues of department: no maximum
- 4 Vendor bond: no maximum

5 (b) The fee for a landowner-tenant resident big game or wild turkey
6 hunting permit shall be an amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the fee for a general resident
7 big game or wild turkey hunting permit.

8 (c) The fee for a big game or wild turkey hunting permit for a resident
9 under 16 years of age shall be an amount not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ the fee for a
10 general resident big game or wild turkey hunting permit.

11 (d) The fee for a furharvester license for a resident under 16 years of
12 age shall be an amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the fee for a resident furharvester
13 license.

14 (e) For a resident who is at least 65 years of age, but less than 75
15 years of age:

16 (1) The fee for an annual hunting license shall be an amount equal to
17 $\frac{1}{2}$ the fee for a general annual hunting license;

18 (2) the fee for an annual fishing license shall be an amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$
19 the fee for a general annual fishing license; and

20 (3) the fee for an annual combination hunting and fishing license
21 shall be an amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the fee for a general annual combination
22 hunting and fishing license.

23 (f) Any person who is a resident of this state and satisfies the
24 requirements to be considered a disabled veteran under K.S.A. 2025 Supp.
25 32-934, and amendments thereto, shall be exempt from the hunting and
26 fishing license fees listed in subsection (a).

27 (g) The secretary may establish, by rules and regulations adopted in
28 accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, different fees for
29 various classes and types of licenses, permits, stamps and other issuances
30 of the department ~~which~~ that may occur within each item as described
31 under subsection (a).

32 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 32-988 is hereby repealed.

33 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
34 publication in the statute book.