



HOUSE BILL 321: Wildlife License Changes.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Kyle Evans Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	S.L. 2018-90		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2018-90 makes changes to the Wildlife Resource Commission's (WRC) managed hunt program and fees, creates new licenses for residents and nonresidents to hunt American alligators and elk, and allows box-trapped rabbits to be used for the purpose of training hunting dogs.*

This act became effective July 1, 2018.

BILL ANALYSIS:

This act allows the WRC to schedule managed hunting opportunities for wildlife administered through permits. Permit recipients are selected at random by computer. There is a nonrefundable application fee of eight dollars (\$8.00), and the WRC may charge a two dollar (\$2.00) transaction fee for applications sold directly by WRC online, by phone, mail, or at a service counter.

This act also adds a June 30 expiration date to both the nonresident bear hunting license and the bear management stamp. This act also creates resident and nonresident hunting licenses for both American alligators and elk, all with June 30 expiration dates. The fees are as follows:

	Resident	Nonresident
American Alligator	\$250	\$500
Elk	\$500	\$1,000

Further, this act prohibits a landholder, a landholder's spouse, or a landholder's minor dependents from taking American alligators or elks upon land held by the landholder without the requisite licenses. Additionally, this act prohibits any person under 16 years of age from hunting American alligators or elks without the requisite licenses.

Lastly, this act allows box-trapped rabbits to be released for the purpose of training dogs on an area of private land which is completely enclosed with a metal fence through which rabbits may not escape or enter at any time. The WRC is permitted to establish rules to set standards for areas on which rabbits are released.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective July 1, 2018.

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