

2025 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1147

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1147

1/17/2025

Relating to fees for game and fish licenses and permits

9:47 a.m. Chairman Porter opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Anderson, Vice Chair Novak,
Representatives: Dockter, Hagert, Headland, Heinert, Johnson, Marschall, Olson, Ruby,
Conmy, Foss

Discussion Topics:

- Disabled Veterans receiving licenses
- Number of disabled veterans in North Dakota
- Qualifications to be considered a disabled veteran

9:27 a.m. Representative Daniel Johnston, North Dakota Representative for District 24, introduced the bill.

9:53 a.m. Scott Peterson, Deputy Director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, provided neutral testimony.

Additional written testimony:

John Bradley, North Dakota Wildlife Federation, submitted testimony in favor #29658

9:55 a.m. Chairman Porter closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong for Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk

TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY
NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION
HB BILL 1147
HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 17, 2024

Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

For the record, I am John Bradley, executive director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. I'm here today representing our thousands of members in 16 affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's clubs across North Dakota that make up the North Dakota Wildlife Federation.

NDWF supports HB 1147 relating to fees for game and fish licenses and permits for a resident disabled veteran who has a fifty percent service connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs. We urge a Do Pass on HB 1147.

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3:25 p.m. Chairman Porter opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Anderson, Vice Chair Novak,
Representatives: Dockter, Hagert, Johnson, Marschall, Olson, Ruby, Conmy, Foss

Members Absent: Representatives Headland and Heinert

Discussion Topics:

- Service-connected disabilities
- Committee action

3:27 p.m. Representative M. Ruby moved to Amend and insert "at least" in front of the word "fifty" on page 2 lines 6,8, and page 4 line 23.

3:27 p.m. Representative Hagert seconded the motion.

3:27 p.m. Voice Vote

3:27 p.m. Motion passed

3:29 p.m. Representative Ruby moved a Do Pass as Amended.

3:30 p.m. Representative Conmy seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Dick Anderson	Y
Representative Anna Novak	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Austin Foss	Y
Representative Jared c. Hagert	Y
Representative Craig Headland	A
Representative Pat D. Heinert	A
Representative Jorin Johnson	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Jeremy L. Olson	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y

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3:31 p.m. Motion passed 11-0-2

3:31 p.m. Representative M. Ruby will carry the bill.

3:31 p.m. Chairman Porter closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong for Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk

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of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1147

Introduced by

Representatives D. Johnston, Brandenburg, Kasper, Marschall, Nehring, M. Ruby, Tveit

Senators Clemens, Paulson

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to fees for game and fish licenses and permits.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-03-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **20.1-03-12. Schedule of fees for licenses and permits.**

- 7 The fees collected under this section for licenses and permits must be deposited with the
8 state treasurer and credited to the game and fish fund, except aquatic nuisance species fees
9 must be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the aquatic nuisance species
10 program fund. Forty-five dollars of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used
11 for the private land initiative. The various license and permit fees are as follows:

- 12 1. For a resident, age sixteen and over, small game hunting license, ten dollars.
13 2. For a nonresident small game hunting license, one hundred dollars.
14 3. For a resident big game hunting license, thirty dollars, except the fee for a licensee
15 under age sixteen is ten dollars, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation
16 issued pursuant to section 20.1-08-04.1.
17 4. Except for a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a resident in a lottery
18 for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents under subsection 4 of
19 section 20.1-03-11, for a nonresident big game hunting license, two hundred fifty
20 dollars, and for a nonresident bow license, two hundred fifty dollars, and a

- 1 nonrefundable five dollar application fee must accompany any lottery license fee under
2 this subsection, except as provided in a gubernatorial proclamation issued pursuant to
3 section 20.1-08-04.1. For a nonresident who participates on the same basis as a
4 resident in a lottery for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents,
5 fifty dollars.
- 6 5. For a resident fur-bearer license, fifteen dollars.
- 7 6. For a resident fishing license, sixteen dollars, except that for a resident sixty-five years
8 or over, a resident totally or permanently disabled, or a resident disabled veteran who
9 has at least a fifty percent service-connected disability as determined by the
10 department of veterans' affairs or has an extra-schedular rating to include individual
11 unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability ratio to at least fifty percent,
12 the license fee is five dollars.
- 13 7. For a nonresident fishing license, forty-five dollars.
- 14 8. For a resident husband and wife fishing license, twenty-two dollars.
- 15 9. For a nonresident nongame hunting license, fifteen dollars.
- 16 10. For a resident wild turkey permit, fifteen dollars.
- 17 11. For an annual general game license, three dollars.
- 18 12. For a license to a nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs, or that person's agent,
19 the amount that the nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs would pay for a
20 nonresident buyer or shipper of green furs license or comparable license in that
21 person's state of residence, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.
- 22 13. For a license to a resident buyer or shipper of green furs, eight dollars for each place
23 of business maintained by that person within this state.
- 24 14. For a license to a resident traveling agent, buyer, or shipper of green furs, twenty
25 dollars.
- 26 15. For an annual license to practice taxidermy, twenty-five dollars.
- 27 16. For a permit to ship, by a person having a resident hunting license, during the
28 respective open seasons, not to exceed in any one season twenty-five game birds, to
29 points within this state other than that person's home or to points outside this state,
30 three dollars.

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- 1 17. For a permit to make collections of protected birds and animals for scientific purposes,
2 ten dollars.
- 3 18. For a motorboat certificate of number and license: ~~Each~~, each motorboat under:
4 a. Under sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length, and all canoes, regardless of length,
5 powered by a motor, eighteen dollars. ~~Each motorboat sixteen~~
6 b. Sixteen feet [4.88 meters] in length and over but shorter than twenty feet
7 [6.1 meters] in length, excluding canoes, thirty-six dollars. ~~Each motorboat twenty~~
8 c. Twenty feet [6.1 meters] in length or over excluding canoes, forty-five dollars.
- 9 19. For the taking of undesirable fish from the waters of this state pursuant to section
10 20.1-06-05, fifteen dollars for each hoop-net or trap, and fifteen dollars for each seine
11 of fifty feet [15.24 meters] or any fraction thereof.
- 12 20. For a resident paddlefish tag annual license, ten dollars per tag.
- 13 21. For a nonresident paddlefish tag annual license, twenty-five dollars and fifty cents per
14 tag.
- 15 22. For an annual resident license to sell minnows or other live bait at wholesale, fifty
16 dollars.
- 17 23. For an annual license to sell minnows or other live bait at retail, fifteen dollars, except
18 the fee is seventy-five dollars if white suckers are sold.
- 19 24. For an annual license to operate a private fish hatchery, seventy-five dollars.
- 20 25. For a resident commercial frog license, fifty dollars.
- 21 26. For a nonresident commercial frog license, two hundred dollars.
- 22 27. For a resident frog license, three dollars.
- 23 28. For a resident husband and wife frog license, five dollars.
- 24 29. For a shooting preserve operating permit, one hundred dollars, plus thirty cents per
25 acre [.40 hectare] for each acre [.40 hectare].
- 26 30. For a nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred dollars.
- 27 31. For a nonresident husband and wife fishing license, sixty dollars.
- 28 32. For a nonresident short-term three-day fishing license, twenty-five dollars.
- 29 33. For a nonresident fur-bearer and nongame hunting license, forty dollars.
- 30 34. For a combination license, fifty dollars.

- 1 35. For a white-tailed deer license sold to certified guides or outfitters and provided by
- 2 them to nonresidents, two hundred fifty dollars.
- 3 36. For a resident swan license, ten dollars.
- 4 37. For a nonresident swan license, thirty dollars.
- 5 38. For a resident sandhill crane license, ten dollars.
- 6 39. For a nonresident sandhill crane license, thirty dollars.
- 7 40. For a resident commercial clam license, one hundred dollars.
- 8 41. For a nonresident commercial clam license, one thousand dollars.
- 9 42. For a commercial clam dealer's permit, two thousand dollars. In addition, the applicant
- 10 shall submit to the director a surety bond in the sum of two thousand dollars.
- 11 43. For an annual class B nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at
- 12 wholesale, two hundred fifty dollars.
- 13 44. For a bighorn sheep license issued to a nonresident, five hundred dollars.
- 14 45. For a nonresident reciprocal trapping license, three hundred fifty dollars.
- 15 46. For a nonresident spring white goose license, fifty dollars.
- 16 47. For a resident certificate fee, one dollar, and for a nonresident certificate fee, two
- 17 dollars. An agent may not charge a service fee for issuing a resident or nonresident
- 18 certificate fee.
- 19 48. For a nonresident short-term ten-day fishing license, thirty-five dollars.
- 20 49. For a nonresident wild turkey permit, eighty dollars.
- 21 50. For a statewide nonresident waterfowl hunting license, one hundred fifty dollars.
- 22 51. For an annual class A nonresident license to sell minnows or other live bait at
- 23 wholesale, five hundred dollars.
- 24 52. For a resident early Canada goose season license, five dollars.
- 25 53. For a nonresident early Canada goose season license, fifty dollars.
- 26 54. For a ~~resident disabled veteran~~ combined general game, habitat stamp, small game,
- 27 and fur-bearer license; for a resident disabled veteran who has at least a fifty percent
- 28 service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs.
- 29 three dollars.
- 30 55. For each motorboat licensed in this state, an aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen
- 31 dollars valid concurrent with motorboat licensure.

- 1 56. For each motorboat operated on waters of this state and not licensed in this state, an
- 2 aquatic nuisance species fee of fifteen dollars for the calendar year in which it is paid.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1147**

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0705.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1147 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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3/7/2025

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9:30 a.m. Chairman Patten opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Patten, Vice Chairman Kessel, Senators Beard, Enget, Gerhard, and Van Oosting.

Members Absent: Senator Boehm.

Discussion Topics:

- Motorboat Regulation Alignment
- Fee Information
- Related Fees in HB 1470
- Increased Fees

9:30 a.m. Representative Johnston introduced the bill.

9:32 a.m. Scott Peterson, Deputy Director for ND Game and Fish Dept., testified as neutral.

9:41 a.m. Chairman Patten closed the hearing.

Elizabeth Reiten for Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

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3/13/2025

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10:13 a.m. Chairman Patten opened the hearing.

Members present:

Chairman Patten, Vice Chairman Kessel, Senators: Beard, Boehm, Enget, Gerhardt, and Van Oosting.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

10:14 a.m. Senator Gerhardt updated the committee on the bill, noting related amendments in bill 1470, with no changes needed for HB 1147.

10:16 a.m. Senator Gerhardt moved a Do Pass.

10:16 a.m. Senator Van Oosting seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Dale Patten	Y
Senator Greg Kessel	Y
Senator Todd Beard	Y
Senator Keith Boehm	Y
Senator Mark Enget	Y
Senator Justin Gerhardt	Y
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y

Motion Passed 7-0-0.

10:17 a.m. Senator Gerhardt will carry the bill.

10:17 a.m. Chairman Patten closed the hearing.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1147 ([25.0705.02000](#))**

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Patten, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1147 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.