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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, each waterfowl season a
9 person must purchase an annual stamp from the judge
10 of probate or another agent authorized by the
11 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in
12 order to hunt waterfowl. There is no provision in
13 current law for the issuance of a lifetime
14 waterfowl stamp.

15 This bill would provide for the department
16 to issue a lifetime waterfowl stamp and establishes
17 the fees for a lifetime stamp. The bill would also
18 provide for cost-of-living adjustments for the
19 annual fee and the lifetime fees.

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT

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25 To amend Section 9-11-433, Code of Alabama 1975,
26 relating to issuance of annual stamps for waterfowl hunting;

1 to provide for the issuance of lifetime waterfowl stamps and
2 to establish fees; and to provide for adjustment of the fees.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 9-11-433, Code of Alabama 1975,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 "§9-11-433.

7 "(a) A stamp shall be issued to each hunting license
8 applicant by the judge of probate or issuing officer of any
9 county of the state or other authorized license agent as
10 provided herein upon the payment of a fee of five dollars
11 (\$5). Each stamp shall be valid for the duration of one
12 hunting season as established by the department. Stamps shall
13 be available for sale prior to any waterfowl season, including
14 any special season which may precede the regular season.

15 "(b) In lieu of an annual stamp, a lifetime
16 migratory waterfowl stamp may be purchased by or for
17 individuals meeting the residency requirements set out in
18 Section 9-11-44 for the following license fees:

19 "(1) Persons less than two years old, sixty-five
20 dollars (\$65).

21 "(2) Persons age two through 11 years old,
22 eighty-five dollars (\$85).

23 "(3) Persons age 12 through 49 years, one hundred
24 five dollars (\$105).

25 "(4) Persons age 50 years and above, sixty-five
26 dollars (\$65).

1 "(c) The fees provided in subsections (a) and (b)
2 shall be subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 9-11-68,
3 which adjustments shall be on a proportional basis.

4 "(d) The judge of probate, or issuing officer, or
5 other authorized license agent as provided herein shall be
6 allowed a fee of one dollar (\$1) for each license issued,
7 which issuing fee shall be in addition to the cost of the
8 stamp and shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in
9 Section 9-11-68. In counties where the judge of probate or
10 issuing officer is on the fee system, the issuing fee shall be
11 retained by the judge of probate or issuing officer, and in
12 counties where the judge of probate or issuing officer is on a
13 salary basis, the fee shall be paid into the county treasury
14 to the credit of the appropriate fund.

15 "(e) Other license agents as authorized by the
16 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may issue
17 migratory waterfowl stamps, provided the other authorized
18 license agents prepurchase sheets of stamps for resale at face
19 value plus the issuance fee provided herein. An agent shall
20 place an initial order for one or more sheets of 10 stamps
21 each for the license year. At the end of the license period,
22 the agent may return unsold stamps for a refund."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.