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3 By Senator Melson  
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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 authorize cost-of-living adjustments for the  
19 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, as  
26 amended by Act 2016-384, 2016 Regular Session, relating to  
27 issuance of annual stamps for waterfowl hunting; to provide

1 for the issuance of lifetime waterfowl stamps and to establish  
2 fees; and to authorize 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 as amended by Act 2016-384, 2016 Regular Session, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 "§9-11-433.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1           "(5) The stamp fee provided in this subsection may  
2 be subject to periodic adjustments by the Department of  
3 Conservation and Natural Resources upon approval of the  
4 commissioner based on increases in the Consumer Price Index in  
5 the same manner as other fishing and hunting licenses and fees  
6 are adjusted pursuant to Section 9-11-68.

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

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

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