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3 SENATE AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE FOR SB9
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9 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, each waterfowl season a
10 person must purchase an annual stamp from the judge
11 of probate or another agent authorized by the
12 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in
13 order to hunt waterfowl. There is no provision in
14 current law for the issuance of a lifetime
15 waterfowl stamp.

16 This bill would provide for the department
17 to issue a lifetime waterfowl stamp and establish
18 the fees for a lifetime stamp. The bill would also
19 authorize cost-of-living adjustments for the
20 lifetime fees.
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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT
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26 To amend Section 9-11-433, Code of Alabama 1975,
27 relating to the issuance of annual stamps for waterfowl

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

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Section 9-11-433, Code of Alabama 1975,
6 is amended 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. The
16 stamp fee provided in this subsection shall be subject to
17 periodic adjustments by the Department of Conservation and
18 Natural Resources based on increases in the Consumer Price
19 Index in the same manner as other fishing and hunting licenses
20 and fees are adjusted pursuant to Section 9-11-68.

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

25 "(1) Persons less than two years old, one hundred
26 thirty dollars (\$130).

1 "(2) Persons age two through 11 years old, one
2 hundred seventy dollars (\$170).

3 "(3) Persons age 12 through 49 years, two hundred
4 ten dollars (\$210).

5 "(4) Persons age 50 years and above, one hundred
6 thirty dollars (\$130).

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

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

24 ~~"(c)~~ (d) Other license agents as authorized by the
25 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may issue
26 migratory waterfowl stamps, provided the other authorized
27 license agents prepurchase sheets of stamps for resale at face

1 value plus the issuance fee provided herein. An agent shall
2 place an initial order for one or more sheets of 10 stamps
3 each for the license year. At the end of the license period,
4 the agent may return unsold stamps for a refund."

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