



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 271

Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

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House Bill 271 as introduced would authorize the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to issue new disabled resident lifetime hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses with \$25 fees for residents over the age of 50 years old, and \$45 fees for those under the age of 50. This bill also provides that these fees may be adjusted periodically based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as currently provided by law for certain other hunting and fishing licenses.

This bill would increase receipts to the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund and Marine Resources Endowment Fund, while correspondingly decrease receipts to the Game and Fish Fund and the Marine Resources Fund, by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of disabled resident lifetime licenses purchased that would otherwise have been purchased annually, as provided below:

License Type	Number of Disabled Resident <u>Annual Licenses</u> Issued in 2025	Current Disabled Resident Annual License Fee	New Disabled Resident Lifetime License Fee
Freshwater fishing, 50 years old or older	2,157	\$3.45	\$25
Freshwater fishing, less than 50 years old	503	\$3.45	\$45
Hunting, 50 years old or older	1,213	\$7.35	\$25
Hunting, less than 50 years old	256	\$7.35	\$45
Saltwater fishing, 50 years old or older	859	\$3.45	\$25
Saltwater fishing, less than 50 years old	205	\$3.45	\$45

Finally, this bill allows the department to assess an issuance fee of \$1 for each license, which is also subject to the periodic CPI adjustment. Current law provides that this fee may be retained by the judge of probate, issuing officer, or other authorized license agent

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