

Senate Bill 461

Sponsored by Senator WEBER, Representatives HELFRICH, JAVADI; Representatives EDWARDS, GOMBERG, OSBORNE (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act says that license agents under the wildlife laws have to provide paper copies of licenses, tags and permits upon request. The Act says that a fish and wildlife agency cannot make a person use an online system in order to buy or use a license, tag or permit. The Act says that certain license agents can keep the full amount of agent fees. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

Directs the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to require license agents to issue paper copies of licenses, tags and permits under the wildlife laws upon request. Prohibits the commission from requiring a person to participate in an electronic licensing system in order to purchase or use a license, tag or permit.

Increases the portion of a fee for issuance of a license, tag or permit under the wildlife laws that certain license agents may retain.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to documents issued under the wildlife laws; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 497.022.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 497.**

6 **SECTION 2. The State Fish and Wildlife Commission:**

7 (1) **Shall require an agent described in ORS 497.022 to provide a paper copy of any license,**
8 **tag or permit issued by the commission upon request by a purchaser of the license, tag or**
9 **permit.**

10 (2) **May not require a person to participate in an electronic licensing system in order to**
11 **purchase or use any license, tag or permit issued by the commission.**

12 **SECTION 3. ORS 497.022 is amended to read:**

13 497.022. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may appoint agents to issue any of the li-
14 censes, tags or permits the commission is authorized by law to issue. The commission shall prescribe
15 the procedure for the issuance of the licenses, tags and permits. Agents of the commission shall is-
16 sue licenses, tags and permits in accordance with the prescribed procedure and shall charge and
17 collect the fees prescribed by law for the licenses, tags and permits.

18 (2)(a) As part of the fees prescribed in the fee schedule under ORS 497.061 and in addition to
19 fees otherwise prescribed by law for the issuance of a license, tag or permit, the issuing agent shall
20 charge and collect:

21 (A) For each resident annual sportspac license issued pursuant to ORS 497.132 (3)(a) and (4)(a),
22 \$5.

23 (B) For each nonresident annual hunting license issued pursuant to ORS 497.102, \$10.

24 (C) For each nonresident annual deer tag, nonresident annual elk tag, nonresident annual black
25 bear tag, nonresident annual mountain goat tag, nonresident annual mountain sheep tag and non-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 resident annual antelope tag issued pursuant to ORS 497.112 (1), \$10.

2 (D) For any other license, tag or permit, \$2 each.

3 (b) If the agent is a county clerk, the agent shall deposit the agent fees provided for in this
4 section in the general fund of the county for which the agent is the clerk. If the agent is an em-
5 ployee of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the agent fees shall be deposited in the State
6 Wildlife Fund. Agents other than county clerks or department employees who issue licenses without
7 the use of a state computerized licensing system may retain the agent fees for their license tag or
8 permit issuance services. Agents other than county clerks or department employees who issue li-
9 censes, tags or permits using a state computerized licensing system may retain a portion of the
10 agent fees in not less than the following amounts:

11 (A) For each resident annual sportspac license issued pursuant to ORS 497.132 (3)(a) and (4)(a),
12 \$2.50.

13 (B) For each nonresident annual hunting license issued pursuant to ORS 497.102, \$7.50.

14 (C) For each nonresident annual deer tag, nonresident annual elk tag, nonresident annual black
15 bear tag, nonresident annual mountain goat tag, nonresident annual mountain sheep tag and non-
16 resident annual antelope tag issued pursuant to ORS 497.112 (1), \$7.50.

17 (D) For any other license, tag or permit, or for other provided services, as may be specified by
18 contract between the department and the agent for license, tag or permit issuance service or other
19 services performed by the agent, [~~\$1~~] **\$2** each.

20 (3) If the commission finds that an agent appointed pursuant to this section has violated any of
21 the provisions of law or the procedures prescribed by the commission for the issuance of licenses,
22 tags or permits or the collection and disposition of fees from licenses, tags or permits, the commis-
23 sion may revoke the authority of the agent to issue licenses, tags and permits, or may suspend the
24 authority of the agent for such time as the commission considers appropriate.

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