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# Chapter 45

## AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; ESTABLISHING A MILITARY DISCOUNT  
FOR A GENERAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 17-3-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1964  
(1st S.S.), Chapter 17, Section 2, as amended) is amended to  
read:

"17-3-2. CLASSES OF LICENSES.--

A. As used with reference to licenses in Chapter  
17 NMSA 1978:

(1) "fishing" entitles the licensee to fish  
for game fish during the open seasons for each species;

(2) "small game" entitles the licensee to  
hunt game birds, other than wild turkey, and squirrel during  
the open seasons for each;

(3) "deer" entitles the licensee to hunt  
deer during the open season;

(4) "general hunting" entitles the licensee  
to hunt deer, squirrel and game birds during the open seasons  
for each;

(5) "general hunting and fishing" entitles  
the licensee to hunt deer, squirrel and game birds and to fish  
for game fish during the open seasons for each;

(6) "antelope" entitles the licensee to hunt

1 antelope during the open season;

2 (7) "elk" entitles the licensee to hunt elk  
3 during the open season;

4 (8) "bighorn sheep" entitles the licensee to  
5 hunt bighorn sheep during the open season;

6 (9) "Barbary sheep" entitles the licensee to  
7 hunt Barbary sheep during the open season;

8 (10) "javelina" entitles the licensee to  
9 hunt javelina during the open season;

10 (11) "bear" entitles the licensee to hunt  
11 bear during the open season;

12 (12) "nongame" entitles the licensee to hunt  
13 or take any animal or bird not protected by law;

14 (13) "temporary fishing" entitles the  
15 licensee to fish for game fish during a specific period of  
16 time indicated on the license;

17 (14) "oryx" entitles the licensee to hunt  
18 oryx during the open season;

19 (15) "ibex" entitles the licensee to hunt  
20 ibex during the open season;

21 (16) "cougar" entitles the licensee to hunt  
22 cougar during the open season;

23 (17) "turkey" entitles the licensee to hunt  
24 turkey during the open season;

25 (18) "special season turkey" entitles the

1 licensee to hunt turkey during special seasons designated by  
2 the state game commission;

3 (19) "quality elk" entitles the licensee to  
4 hunt elk during a special quality elk season, to be  
5 established by the state game commission, when the timing of  
6 the season and hunter density is specially regulated and the  
7 elk population is managed with an intent to provide the  
8 licensee an increased opportunity to take a mature elk;

9 (20) "quality deer" entitles the licensee to  
10 hunt deer during a special quality deer season, to be  
11 established by the state game commission, when the timing of  
12 the season and hunter density is specially regulated and the  
13 deer population is managed with an intent to provide the  
14 licensee an increased opportunity to take a mature deer;

15 (21) "temporary small game" entitles the  
16 licensee to hunt game birds, except wild turkey, and squirrel  
17 during a specific period of time indicated on the license;

18 (22) "second rod" entitles the licensee to  
19 fish using two fishing rods to fish for game fish during the  
20 open seasons for each species; and

21 (23) "fishing and small game combination"  
22 entitles the licensee to hunt squirrel and game birds, other  
23 than wild turkey, and to fish for game fish during the open  
24 season for each.

25 B. A hunting license does not entitle the licensee

1 to hunt, kill or take game animals or birds within or upon a  
2 park or enclosure licensed or posted as provided by law or  
3 within or upon a privately owned enclosure without consent of  
4 the owner or within or upon a game refuge or game management  
5 area.

6 C. A fishing license does not entitle the licensee  
7 to fish for or take fish within or upon a park or enclosure  
8 licensed or posted as provided by law or within or upon a  
9 privately owned enclosure without consent of the owner or in  
10 or on closed waters.

11 D. A junior fishing license may be purchased by a  
12 resident who has reached the age of twelve years but has not  
13 reached the age of eighteen years. A junior fishing license  
14 entitles the licensee to fish for game fish during the open  
15 season for each species.

16 E. A senior fishing license may be purchased by a  
17 resident who has reached the age of sixty-five years. A  
18 senior fishing license entitles the licensee to fish for game  
19 fish during the open season for each species.

20 F. A nonresident junior fishing license may be  
21 purchased by a nonresident who has reached the age of twelve  
22 years but has not reached the age of eighteen years. A  
23 nonresident junior fishing license entitles the licensee to  
24 fish for game fish during the open season for each species.

25 G. A senior general hunting license may be

1 purchased by a resident who has reached the age of sixty-five  
2 years. A senior general hunting license entitles the licensee  
3 to hunt for deer, squirrel and game birds during the open  
4 seasons for each species.

5 H. A junior general hunting license may be  
6 purchased by a resident who has not reached the age of  
7 eighteen years. A junior general hunting license entitles the  
8 licensee to hunt for deer, squirrel and game birds during the  
9 open seasons for each species.

10 I. A handicapped fishing license may be purchased  
11 by a resident who has a severe physical impairment that  
12 substantially limits one or more major life activities and who  
13 can furnish adequate proof of this disability to the state  
14 game commission. A handicapped fishing license may be  
15 purchased by a resident who has a developmental disability as  
16 defined in Subsection H of Section 43-1-3 NMSA 1978 and who  
17 can furnish adequate proof of this disability to the state  
18 game commission. A handicapped fishing license entitles the  
19 licensee to fish for game fish during the open season for each  
20 species.

21 J. A handicapped general hunting license may be  
22 purchased by a resident who has a severe physical impairment  
23 that substantially limits one or more major life activities  
24 and who can furnish adequate proof of this disability to the  
25 state game commission. A handicapped general hunting license

1 entitles the licensee to hunt for deer, squirrel and game  
2 birds during the open season for each species.

3 K. A fishing license may be obtained at no cost by  
4 a resident who has reached the age of seventy years.

5 L. A second rod validation may be purchased by  
6 either a resident or nonresident. A second rod validation  
7 entitles the licensee to fish using two rods for game fish  
8 during the open season for each species.

9 M. A junior-senior elk license may be purchased by  
10 a resident who has not reached the age of eighteen years or by  
11 a resident who has reached the age of sixty-five years. A  
12 junior-senior elk license entitles the licensee to hunt for  
13 elk during the open season for that species.

14 N. A junior-senior deer license may be purchased  
15 by a resident who is younger than eighteen years or older than  
16 sixty-five years. A junior-senior deer license entitles the  
17 licensee to hunt for deer during the open season for that  
18 species.

19 O. A junior-senior fishing and small game  
20 combination license may be purchased by a resident who is  
21 younger than eighteen years or older than sixty-five years. A  
22 junior-senior fishing and small game combination license  
23 entitles the licensee to fish for game fish or hunt for  
24 squirrel and game birds, other than wild turkey, during the  
25 open seasons for each species.

1 P. A disabled veteran fishing and small game  
2 combination license may be purchased by a resident who has  
3 been granted a disability by the federal department of  
4 veterans affairs as a result of having served in the armed  
5 forces of the United States if the resident submits to the  
6 state game commission satisfactory proof that the resident was  
7 disabled as a result of having served in the armed forces of  
8 the United States. A disabled veteran fishing and small game  
9 combination license entitles the licensee to fish for game  
10 fish or hunt for squirrel and game birds, other than wild  
11 turkey, during the open season for each species.

12 Q. A military general hunting and fishing license  
13 may be purchased by a member of the armed forces of the United  
14 States who, for a period of not less than ninety days  
15 immediately preceding the date of application for the license,  
16 has been domiciled in New Mexico and has not claimed residency  
17 elsewhere for any purpose. A military general hunting and  
18 fishing license entitles the licensee to hunt deer, squirrel  
19 and game birds and to fish for game fish during the open  
20 seasons for each species."

21 Section 2. Section 17-3-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1964  
22 (1st S.S.), Chapter 17, Section 5, as amended) is amended to  
23 read:

24 "17-3-13. LICENSE FEES.--

25 A. The director of the department of game and fish HB 37



1 shall keep a record of all money received and licenses and  
2 permits issued by the department, numbering each class  
3 separately. Upon satisfactory proof that a license or permit  
4 has been lost before its expiration, the director may issue a  
5 duplicate and collect a just and reasonable fee for it as  
6 determined by regulation of the state game commission.

7 B. The director of the department of game and fish  
8 shall collect the following fees for each license of the class  
9 indicated:

10	Resident, fishing . . . . .	\$25.00
11	Resident, small game . . . . .	20.00
12	Resident, deer . . . . .	36.00
13	Resident, junior-senior, deer . . . . .	24.00
14	Resident, general hunting . . . . .	40.00
15	Resident, general hunting and fishing . . . . .	59.00
16	Resident, senior, handicapped, military, 17 general hunting and fishing . . . . .	28.00
18	Resident, junior, general 19 hunting and fishing . . . . .	20.00
20	Resident, fishing and small game combination . . . . .	33.00
21	Resident, junior-senior, fishing and small game 22 combination . . . . .	16.00
23	Resident, disabled veteran, fishing and small game 24 combination . . . . .	10.00
25	Resident, antelope . . . . .	50.00

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1	Resident, elk cow . . . . .	50.00
2	Resident, elk bull or either sex . . . . .	80.00
3	Resident, junior-senior, elk . . . . .	48.00
4	Resident, bighorn sheep, ram . . . . .	150.00
5	Resident, bighorn sheep, ewe . . . . .	75.00
6	Resident, Barbary sheep . . . . .	100.00
7	Resident, bear . . . . .	44.00
8	Resident, turkey . . . . .	25.00
9	Resident, cougar . . . . .	40.00
10	Resident, oryx . . . . .	150.00
11	Resident, ibex . . . . .	100.00
12	Resident, javelina . . . . .	55.00
13	Resident, fur dealer . . . . .	15.00
14	Resident, trapper . . . . .	20.00
15	Resident, junior trapper . . . . .	9.00
16	Nonresident, fishing . . . . .	56.00
17	Nonresident, junior fishing . . . . .	28.00
18	Nonresident, small game . . . . .	90.00
19	Nonresident, deer . . . . .	260.00
20	Nonresident, quality deer . . . . .	345.00
21	Nonresident, bear . . . . .	250.00
22	Nonresident, cougar . . . . .	280.00
23	Nonresident, turkey . . . . .	100.00
24	Nonresident, antelope . . . . .	260.00
25	Nonresident, elk cow . . . . .	315.00

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1	Nonresident, elk bull or either sex . . . . .	525.00
2	Nonresident, quality elk . . . . .	750.00
3	Nonresident, bighorn sheep . . . . .	3,150.00
4	Nonresident, Barbary sheep . . . . .	350.00
5	Nonresident, oryx . . . . .	1,600.00
6	Nonresident, ibex . . . . .	1,600.00
7	Nonresident, javelina . . . . .	155.00
8	Nonresident, fur dealer . . . . .	125.00
9	Nonresident, trapper . . . . .	345.00
10	Nonresident, nongame . . . . .	65.00
11	Resident, senior, handicapped,	
12	fishing . . . . .	8.00
13	Resident, junior fishing . . . . .	5.00
14	Temporary fishing, one day . . . . .	12.00
15	Temporary fishing, five days . . . . .	24.00
16	Resident, senior, handicapped,	
17	general hunting . . . . .	24.00
18	Resident, junior general hunting . . . . .	15.00
19	Temporary small game, four days . . . . .	33.00
20	Second rod validation . . . . .	4.00."

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