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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying walleye stamp issuing fees; amending
- 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.485, subdivision 6.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.485, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 6. **Licenses to be sold and issuing fees.** (a) Persons authorized to sell licenses
- 1.7 under this section must issue the following licenses for the license fee and the following
- 1.8 issuing fees:
- 1.9 (1) to take deer or bear with firearms and by archery, the issuing fee is \$1;
- 1.10 (2) Minnesota sporting, the issuing fee is \$1;
- 1.11 (3) to take small game, to take fish by angling or by spearing, and to trap fur-bearing
- 1.12 animals, the issuing fee is \$1;
- 1.13 (4) to apply for a limited hunt drawing, the issuing fee is \$1 unless the application requires
- 1.14 a license purchase at the time of application and the license purchase requires an application
- 1.15 fee;
- 1.16 (5) for a prairie-chicken license, the issuing fee is \$1;
- 1.17 (6) for a turkey license, the issuing fee is \$1;
- 1.18 (7) for an elk license, the issuing fee is \$1;
- 1.19 (8) for a moose license, the issuing fee is \$1;
- 1.20 (9) for a wolf license, the issuing fee is \$1;

2.1 (10) for a stamp validation, excluding a walleye stamp validation, that is not issued
2.2 simultaneously with a license, an issuing fee of 50 cents may be charged at the discretion
2.3 of the authorized seller;

2.4 (11) for stamp validations, excluding walleye stamp validations, issued simultaneously
2.5 with a license, there is no fee;

2.6 (12) for licenses, seals, tags, or coupons issued without a fee under section 97A.441,
2.7 subdivisions 1 to 6a, or 97A.465, there is no fee;

2.8 (13) for lifetime licenses, there is no fee; ~~and~~

2.9 (14) for walleye stamp validations, an issuing fee of \$1 may be charged; and

2.10 ~~(14)~~ (15) for all other licenses, permits, renewals, or applications or any other transaction
2.11 through the electronic licensing system under this chapter or any other chapter when an
2.12 issuing fee is not specified, an issuing fee of \$1 may be charged at the discretion of the
2.13 authorized seller.

2.14 (b) Except for walleye stamp validations, only one issuing fee may be collected when
2.15 selling more than one stamp in the same transaction after the end of the season for which
2.16 the stamp was issued.

2.17 (c) The agent shall keep the issuing fee as a commission for selling the licenses.

2.18 (d) The commissioner shall collect the issuing fee on licenses sold by the commissioner.

2.19 (e) A license, except stamps, must state the amount of the issuing fee and that the issuing
2.20 fee is kept by the seller as a commission for selling the licenses.

2.21 (f) For duplicate licenses, including licenses issued without a fee, the issuing fees are:

2.22 (1) for licenses to take big game, 75 cents; and

2.23 (2) for other licenses, 50 cents.

2.24 (g) The commissioner may issue one-day angling licenses in books of ten licenses each
2.25 to fishing guides operating charter boats upon receipt of payment of all license fees, excluding
2.26 the issuing fee required under this section. Copies of sold and unsold licenses shall be
2.27 returned to the commissioner. The commissioner shall refund the charter boat captain for
2.28 the license fees of all unsold licenses. Copies of sold licenses shall be maintained by the
2.29 commissioner for one year.

2.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.