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LEGISLATIVE BILL 928

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Lautenbaugh, 18; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30.

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Committee: Natural Resources

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to mountain lions; to amend section 37-452,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 37-201,
3 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010; to provide
4 for permits for hunting mountain lions; to provide for
5 fees; to provide age requirements; to harmonize
6 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 37-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:

3 37-201 Sections 37-201 to 37-811 and section 2 of this
4 act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The commission may issue permits for hunting
6 mountain lions and may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
7 therefor within the limitations prescribed in subsection (1) of
8 section 37-447 and section 37-452 for hunting deer. Any authorized
9 permits shall be issued to residents of Nebraska, except that permits
10 issued by auction may be issued to nonresidents.

11 (2) The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327,
12 establish and charge a nonrefundable application fee of not more than
13 twenty-five dollars for permits issued only to residents. Any number
14 of resident-only permits, as authorized by the commission, shall be
15 awarded by random drawing to eligible applicants. No permit fee shall
16 be charged in addition to the nonrefundable application fee.

17 (3) No more than one additional permit may be authorized
18 and issued pursuant to an auction open to residents and nonresidents.
19 The auction shall be conducted according to rules and regulations
20 prescribed by the commission. Any money derived from the sale of
21 permits by auction shall be used only for perpetuation and management
22 of mountain lions.

23 Sec. 3. Section 37-452, Reissue Revised Statutes of
24 Nebraska, is amended to read:

25 37-452 (1) No person shall hunt antelope, elk, or

1 mountain sheep, or mountain lions unless such person is at least
2 twelve years of age, and any person who is twelve through fifteen
3 years of age shall only hunt antelope, elk, ~~or~~ mountain sheep, or
4 mountain lions when supervised by a person nineteen years of age or
5 older having a valid hunting permit.

6 (2) No person shall hunt deer unless such person is at
7 least ten years of age, and any person who is ten through fifteen
8 years of age shall only hunt deer when supervised by a person
9 nineteen years of age or older having a valid hunting permit.

10 (3) A person nineteen years of age or older having a
11 valid hunting permit shall not supervise more than two persons while
12 hunting deer, antelope, elk, ~~or~~ mountain sheep, or mountain lions at
13 the same time.

14 Sec. 4. Original section 37-452, Reissue Revised Statutes
15 of Nebraska, and section 37-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative
16 Supplement, 2010, are repealed.