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LEGISLATIVE BILL 142

Introduced by Schilz, 47.

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Committee: Natural Resources

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-1220,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-201, 37-1214,
- 3 37-1215, and 37-1219, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014;
- 4 to create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program; to provide funding;
- 5 to create a fee and stamp; to harmonize provisions; to provide an
- 6 operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an
- 7 emergency.
- 8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 37-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2014, is amended to read:

3 37-201 Sections 37-201 to 37-811 and 37-1501 to 37-1510 and section
4 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

5 Sec. 2. The Aquatic Invasive Species Program is created. Funds
6 identified to support the program may be used to monitor and sample
7 waters of the state for aquatic invasive species, to hire personnel, to
8 purchase equipment to inspect and decontaminate conveyances, to provide
9 additional enforcement, education, and research relating to aquatic
10 invasive species, and to conduct aquatic invasive species projects as
11 needed.

12 Sec. 3. Section 37-1214, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
13 2014, is amended to read:

14 37-1214 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 37-1211, the
15 owner of each motorboat shall register such vessel or renew the
16 registration every three years as provided in section 37-1226. The owner
17 of such vessel shall file an initial application for a certificate of
18 number pursuant to section 37-1216 with a county treasurer on forms
19 approved and provided by the commission. The application shall be signed
20 by the owner of the vessel, shall contain the year manufactured, and
21 shall be accompanied by a registration fee for the three-year period of
22 not less than twenty dollars and not more than twenty-three dollars for
23 Class 1 boats, not less than forty dollars and not more than forty-six
24 dollars for Class 2 boats, not less than sixty dollars and not more than
25 sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents for Class 3 boats, and not less than
26 one hundred dollars and not more than one hundred fifteen dollars for
27 Class 4 boats, as established by the commission pursuant to section
28 37-327. The owner of the vessel shall also pay a fee established pursuant
29 to section 37-327 of not less than five dollars and not more than ten
30 dollars for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program at the time of
31 registration or renewal.

1 (2) The owner of a motorboat not registered in Nebraska shall
2 purchase an aquatic invasive species stamp for the Aquatic Invasive
3 Species Program valid for one calendar year prior to launching into any
4 waters of the state. The cost of such one-year stamp shall be established
5 pursuant to section 37-327 and be not less than ten dollars and not more
6 than fifteen dollars plus an issuance fee pursuant to section 37-406.
7 Such one-year stamp may be purchased electronically or through any vendor
8 authorized by the commission to sell other permits and stamps issued
9 under the Game Law pursuant to section 37-406. The aquatic invasive
10 species stamp shall be permanently affixed on the starboard and rearward
11 side of the vessel. The proceeds from the sale of stamps shall be
12 remitted to the State Game Fund.

13 Sec. 4. Section 37-1215, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
14 2014, is amended to read:

15 37-1215 In the event an application is made after the beginning of
16 any registration period for registration of any vessel not previously
17 registered by the applicant in this state, the registration ~~license~~ fee
18 on such vessel shall be reduced by one thirty-sixth for each full month
19 of the registration period already expired as of the date such vessel was
20 acquired. The fee for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program shall not be
21 so reduced. The county treasurer shall compute the registration fee on
22 forms and pursuant to rules of the commission.

23 Sec. 5. Section 37-1219, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
24 2014, is amended to read:

25 37-1219 All registration fees and fees for the Aquatic Invasive
26 Species Program received by the county treasurers shall be remitted on or
27 before the thirtieth day of the following month to the secretary of the
28 commission. All remittances shall be upon a form to be furnished by the
29 commission and a duplicate copy shall be retained by the county
30 treasurer.

31 Sec. 6. Section 37-1220, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 37-1220 The secretary of the commission shall deposit daily with the
3 State Treasurer all ~~registration~~ fees received pursuant to section
4 37-1219 ~~by him~~ and shall take the receipt of the State Treasurer
5 ~~treasurer~~ therefor. The State Treasurer shall place all of the fees so
6 deposited in the State Game Fund.

7 Sec. 7. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2015.

8 Sec. 8. Original section 37-1220, Reissue Revised Statutes of
9 Nebraska, and sections 37-201, 37-1214, 37-1215, and 37-1219, Revised
10 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, are repealed.

11 Sec. 9. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
12 passed and approved according to law.