

AMENDMENTS TO LB979

Introduced by Brandt, 32.

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 **Sec. 15.** Section 37-457, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 37-457 (1) The commission may issue permits for hunting wild turkey
5 and prescribe and establish regulations and limitations for the hunting,
6 transportation, and possession of wild turkey. The commission may offer
7 multiple-year permits or combinations of permits at reduced rates. The
8 number of such permits may be limited as provided by the regulations of
9 the commission, but the permits shall be disposed of in an impartial
10 manner. Such permits may be issued to allow wild turkey hunting in the
11 Nebraska National Forest and other game reserves and such other areas as
12 the commission may designate whenever the commission deems that
13 permitting such hunting would not be detrimental to the proper
14 preservation of wildlife in such forest, reserves, or areas.

15 (2) The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and
16 charge a nonrefundable application fee of not more than nine dollars for
17 turkey permits to be awarded on the basis of a random drawing. The
18 commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee
19 of not more than ~~forty thirty-one~~ dollars for residents and not more than
20 ~~two one hundred fourteen sixty-four~~ dollars for nonresidents for each
21 permit issued under this section except as provided in subsection (5) of
22 this section. The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish
23 and charge a fee of not more than twenty-four dollars for residents and
24 not more than seventy-two dollars for nonresidents for the issuance of a
25 preference point, in addition to any application fee. The commission
26 shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the issuance of a
27 preference point.

1 (3) The commission may issue nonresident permits after preference
2 has been given for the issuance of resident permits as provided in rules
3 and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission. The commission
4 may require a predetermined application period for permit applications in
5 specified management units.

6 (4) The provisions of subsection (5) of section 37-447 for the
7 distribution of deer permits also may apply to the distribution of wild
8 turkey permits. No permit to hunt wild turkey shall be issued without
9 payment of the fee required by this section.

10 (5) The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and
11 charge a fee of not more than twenty-five dollars for residents and not
12 more than forty-five dollars for nonresidents for a youth wild turkey
13 permit.

14 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
15 accordingly.