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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127

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Committee: Natural Resources

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-443,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-438 and
3 37-440, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for hangtag
4 permits; to change provisions relating to the display of certain
5 permits and where such permits may be procured; 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 37-438, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
2 amended to read:

3 37-438 (1) The commission shall devise annual, temporary, hangtag,
4 disabled veteran, and active-duty military permits.

5 (2) The annual permit may be purchased by any person and shall be
6 valid through December 31 in the year for which the permit is issued. The
7 fee for the annual permit for a resident motor vehicle shall be not more
8 than fifty dollars per permit. The fee for the annual permit for a
9 nonresident motor vehicle shall be two times the fee for a resident motor
10 vehicle. The commission shall establish such fees by the adoption and
11 promulgation of rules and regulations.

12 (3) A temporary permit may be purchased by any person and shall be
13 valid until noon of the day following the date of issue. The fee for the
14 temporary permit for a resident motor vehicle shall be not more than ten
15 dollars. The fee for the temporary permit for a nonresident motor vehicle
16 shall be two times the fee for a resident motor vehicle. The commission
17 shall establish such fees by the adoption and promulgation of rules and
18 regulations. The commission may issue temporary permits which are either
19 valid for any area or valid for a single area.

20 (4) Beginning January 1, 2027, an annual hangtag permit may be
21 purchased by any person with a resident motor vehicle. The fee for the
22 hangtag permit shall be the combined cost of one resident annual permit,
23 one duplicate annual permit, and a convenience fee. The hangtag permit
24 shall be valid through December 31 in the year for which the permit is
25 issued and only for the vehicle in which it is displayed. A hangtag
26 permit issued pursuant to this subsection may be transferred between
27 motor vehicles registered by the permit holder in the State of Nebraska.
28 A hangtag permit shall not be reproduced or replaced if lost or stolen.
29 The commission shall establish a convenience fee for hangtag permits that
30 does not exceed fifteen dollars.

31 (5)(a) (4)(a) A veteran who is a resident of Nebraska shall, upon

1 application and without payment of any fee, be issued one disabled
2 veteran permit for a resident motor vehicle if the veteran:

3 (i) Was discharged or separated with a characterization of honorable
4 or general (under honorable conditions); and

5 (ii)(A) Is rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
6 as fifty percent or more disabled as a result of service in the armed
7 forces of the United States; or

8 (B) Is receiving a pension from the United States Department of
9 Veterans Affairs as a result of total and permanent disability, which
10 disability was not incurred in the line of duty in the military service.

11 (b) All disabled veteran permits issued pursuant to this subsection
12 shall be perpetual and shall become void only upon termination of
13 eligibility as provided in this subsection.

14 (6) (5) An active-duty military permit may be purchased by any
15 individual who is active-duty military and shall be valid through
16 December 31 in the year for which the permit is issued. The fee for the
17 active-duty military permit is five dollars, regardless of residency. To
18 qualify for an active-duty military permit, the individual shall present:

19 (a) Such individual's military identification card; and

20 (b) Proof that such individual is stationed at a military base
21 located in Nebraska for active-duty military service.

22 (7) (6) The commission may offer permits or combinations of permits
23 at temporarily reduced rates for specific events or during specified
24 timeframes.

25 (8) (7) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and
26 regulations to carry out this section.

27 **Sec. 2.** Section 37-440, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
28 amended to read:

29 37-440 (1) The commission shall prescribe the type and design of
30 permits. Permits shall be: and the method for displaying permits on the
31 driver's side of the windshield of motor vehicles.

1 (a) Clearly visible from outside the vehicle;
2 (b) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(c) of this section,
3 displayed by affixing the permit upon the lower portion of the driver's
4 side interior front windshield of the motor vehicle; and
5 (c) For hangtag permits, displayed by being hung from the rearview
6 mirror or placed upon the front dash if no rearview mirror is present.

7 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, the
8 (2) The permits may be procured from the central and district offices of
9 the commission, at designated areas of the Nebraska state park system
10 where commission offices are maintained, from self-service vending
11 stations at designated park areas, from designated commission employees,
12 through Internet sales from the commission's website, from appropriate
13 offices of county government, and from various private persons, firms, or
14 corporations designated by the commission as permit agents. The
15 commission and county offices or private persons, firms, or corporations
16 designated by the commission as permit agents shall be entitled to
17 collect and retain an issuing fee pursuant to section 37-406.

18 (b) Hangtag permits may be procured from the central and district
19 offices of the commission and at designated areas of the Nebraska state
20 park system.

21 **Sec. 3.** Section 37-443, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
22 amended to read:

23 37-443 It is unlawful for a motor vehicle to enter a permit area
24 unless a valid permit is displayed in or on the vehicle in the manner
25 prescribed by the commission. A permit shall be required for entry at any
26 time of the year. Except for hangtag permits, a A permit shall be
27 nontransferable and valid only for the motor vehicle for which issued.
28 Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of this section
29 shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor, and the court shall order the
30 confiscation of any permit purchased or used in violation of this
31 section. If the identity of the operator of a motor vehicle in violation

1 of this section cannot be determined, the owner or person in whose name
2 such vehicle is registered shall be held *prima facie* responsible for such
3 violation and shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

4 **Sec. 4.** Original section 37-443, Reissue Revised Statutes of
5 Nebraska, and sections 37-438 and 37-440, Revised Statutes Supplement,
6 2025, are repealed.