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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127**

Introduced by Dover, 19.

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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.