

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1709

Introduced by Assembly Member Frazier

February 13, 2014

An act to amend Section 3031 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to wildlife.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1709, as introduced, Frazier. Wildlife: hunting licenses.

Existing law requires every person who takes any bird or mammal to first obtain a license issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Existing law requires the department to issue a license, upon payment of a base fee of \$8.25, as adjusted, to a resident or nonresident who is under 16 years of age on July 1 of the licensing year for which he or she seeks a license. Existing law requires the department to issue a license to a resident of this state who is 16 years of age or older upon payment of a base fee of \$31.25, as adjusted, and to a nonresident who is 16 years of age or older upon payment of a base fee of \$108.50, as adjusted. Existing law requires the department to issue a 2-day license to a nonresident who is 16 years of age or older upon payment of a base fee of \$31.25, as adjusted.

This bill would instead require the department to issue a license, upon payment of a base fee of \$8.25, as adjusted, to a resident or nonresident who is under 18 years of age on July 1 of the licensing year for which he or she seeks a license. The bill would require the department to issue a 2-day license to a nonresident who is 18 years of age or older upon payment of a base fee of \$31.25, as adjusted.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3031 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:

3 3031. (a) A hunting license, granting the privilege to take birds
4 and mammals, shall be issued to any of the following:

5 (1) A resident of this state, ~~16~~ 18 years of age or older, upon
6 the payment of a base fee of thirty-one dollars and twenty-five
7 cents (\$31.25).

8 (2) A resident or nonresident, who is under ~~16~~ 18 years of age
9 on July 1 of the licensing year, upon the payment of a base fee of
10 eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$8.25), regardless of whether
11 that person applies before or after July 1 of that year.

12 (3) A nonresident, ~~16~~ 18 years of age or older, upon the payment
13 of a base fee of one hundred eight dollars and fifty cents (\$108.50).

14 (4) A nonresident, ~~16~~ 18 years of age or older, valid only for
15 two consecutive days upon payment of the fee set forth in
16 paragraph (1). A license issued pursuant to this paragraph is valid
17 only for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small
18 game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, and nongame mammals,
19 as defined in this code or in regulations adopted by the commission.

20 (5) A nonresident, valid for one day and only for the taking of
21 domesticated game birds and pheasants while on the premises of
22 a licensed game bird club, or for the taking of domesticated
23 migratory game birds in areas licensed for shooting those birds,
24 upon the payment of a base fee of fifteen dollars (\$15).

25 (b) The base fees specified in this section are applicable to the
26 2004 license year, and shall be adjusted annually thereafter
27 pursuant to Section 713.

28 (c) The commission shall adjust the amount of the fees specified
29 in subdivision (b), as necessary, to fully recover, but not exceed,
30 all reasonable administrative and implementation costs of the
31 department and the commission relating to those licenses.

O