

CHAPTER 36
SB 183 – FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL **183**

AN ACT allowing the fish and game department to offer lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for newborns.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Little, Dist 8; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Rep. Kidder, Merr 5; Rep. Duarte, Rock 2; Rep. K. Ward, Straf 21; Rep. Chandler, Carr 1; Rep. Webb, Rock 6

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the fish and game department to offer discounted lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for residents who have not yet reached their first birthday.

This bill is a request of the fish and game department.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 36:1 Fish and Game; Lifetime Licenses; Newborns. Amend RSA 214:9-c, I and II to read as
2 follows:

3 I.(a) The executive director, at the department of fish and game headquarters only, shall
4 issue lifetime hunting, freshwater fishing, or combination hunting and freshwater fishing licenses
5 similar to that issued on an annual basis under RSA 214:9, III to any resident applicant upon
6 payment of the proper fee, which shall be established by the executive director in accordance with
7 the provisions of paragraph II.

8 (b)(1) In addition, the executive director may issue lifetime licenses to any resident
9 under 16 years of age.

10 ***(2) In addition further, the executive director may issue discounted lifetime***
11 ***licenses to residents who have not yet reached their first birthday. The executive director***
12 ***shall establish the discounted amount of such lifetime licenses in rules adopted under***
13 ***RSA 541-A, except that the fee for a combination hunting and freshwater fishing lifetime***
14 ***license for a resident who has not yet reached his or her first birthday shall be \$300.***

15 (3) The parent or legal guardian of the applicant shall be a resident pursuant to
16 RSA 207:1, XXIII. The hunting license or hunting portion of the combination license shall not be
17 valid until the licensee has met the requirements of RSA 214:23-a. Upon meeting the requirements
18 of RSA 214:23-a, the licensee shall have the hunting license or the combination hunting and fishing
19 license validated at the fish and game department headquarters only.

20 II. The executive director shall obtain an actuarial table based on an appropriate annuity
21 from the commissioner of insurance and shall set the fee for the various licenses annually on July 15
22 of each year for the following year based on the age of the applicant. The fee for any applicant under
23 16 years of age shall be the same as the fee for a 16-year-old applicant, ***except for newborns as***
24 ***provided in subparagraph I(b)(2).*** In addition the applicant shall pay the agent's fee in
25 accordance with RSA 214-A:4.

26 36:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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28 Approved: May 7, 2015

29 Effective Date: July 1, 2015