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# **SB 1170**

Introduced by  
Senator Gowan

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 17-332, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE TAKING  
AND HANDLING OF WILDLIFE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 17-332, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 17-332. Form and content of license; duplicate licenses;  
5 transfer of license prohibited; exceptions;  
6 refunds; period of validity

7 A. Licenses and license materials shall be prepared by the  
8 department and may be furnished and charged to dealers that are authorized  
9 to issue licenses. Each license shall be issued in the name of the  
10 department and signed in a manner provided by rule adopted by the  
11 commission. With each license authorizing the taking of big game, the  
12 department shall provide such tags as the commission may prescribe, which  
13 the licensee shall attach to the big game animal in the manner prescribed  
14 by the commission. The commission shall limit the number of big game  
15 permits issued to nonresidents in a random drawing to ten percent or fewer  
16 of the total hunt permits, but in extraordinary circumstances, at a public  
17 meeting the commission may increase the number of permits issued to  
18 nonresidents in a random drawing if, on separate roll call votes, the  
19 members of the commission unanimously:

20 1. Support the finding of a specifically described extraordinary  
21 circumstance.

22 2. Adopt the increased number of nonresident permits for the hunt.

23 B. The commission shall issue with each license a shipping permit  
24 entitling the holder of the license to a shipment of game or fish as  
25 provided by article 4 of this chapter.

26 C. It is unlawful, except as provided by the commission, for any  
27 person to apply for or obtain in any one license year more than one  
28 original license permitting the taking of big game. A duplicate license  
29 or tag may be issued by the department or by a license dealer if the  
30 person requesting such a license or tag furnishes the information deemed  
31 necessary by the commission.

32 D. A license or permit is not transferable and may not be used by  
33 anyone except the person to whom the license or permit was issued, except  
34 that:

35 1. The commission may prescribe the manner and conditions of  
36 transferring and using permits and tags under this paragraph, including an  
37 application process for a qualified organization, to allow a person to  
38 transfer the person's big game permit or tag to a qualified organization  
39 for use by:

40 (a) A minor child who has a life-threatening medical condition or a  
41 permanent physical disability. ~~If a child with a physical disability is~~  
42 ~~under fourteen years of age, the child must satisfactorily complete the~~  
43 ~~Arizona hunter education course or another comparable hunter education~~  
44 ~~course that is approved by the director.~~

1 (b) A MINOR CHILD WHOSE PARENT WAS KILLED IN ACTION WHILE SERVING  
2 IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

3 (c) A MINOR CHILD WHOSE PARENT WAS KILLED IN THE COURSE AND SCOPE  
4 OF EMPLOYMENT AS A PEACE OFFICER.

5 (d) A MINOR CHILD WHOSE PARENT WAS KILLED IN THE COURSE AND SCOPE  
6 OF EMPLOYMENT AS A PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER WHO IS A MEMBER OF A STATE,  
7 FEDERAL, TRIBAL, CITY, TOWN, COUNTY, DISTRICT OR PRIVATE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

8 ~~(b)~~ (e) A veteran of the armed forces of the United States who has  
9 a service-connected disability. For the purposes of this paragraph:

10 (i) "Disability" means a permanent physical impairment that  
11 substantially limits one or more major life activities and that requires  
12 the assistance of another person or a mechanical device for physical  
13 mobility.

14 (ii) "Qualified organization" means a nonprofit organization that  
15 is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue  
16 code and that affords opportunities and experiences to children with  
17 life-threatening medical conditions or with physical disabilities or to  
18 veterans with service-connected disabilities.

19 2. A parent, grandparent or legal guardian may allow the parent's,  
20 grandparent's or guardian's minor child or minor grandchild to use the  
21 parent's, grandparent's or guardian's big game permit or tag to take big  
22 game pursuant to the following requirements:

23 (a) The parent, grandparent or guardian must transfer the permit or  
24 tag to the minor child in a manner prescribed by the commission.

25 (b) The minor child must possess a valid hunting license. ~~and, if~~  
26 ~~under fourteen years of age, must satisfactorily complete, before the~~  
27 ~~beginning of the hunt, the Arizona hunter education course or another~~  
28 ~~comparable hunter education course that is approved by the director.~~

29 (c) Any big game that is taken counts toward the minor child's bag  
30 limit.

31 E. A MINOR CHILD WHO USES A BIG GAME PERMIT OR TAG PURSUANT TO  
32 SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION AND IS UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE MUST  
33 SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE ARIZONA HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE OR ANOTHER  
34 COMPARABLE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE THAT IS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR.

35 ~~E.~~ F. Refunds may not be made for the purchase of a license or  
36 permit, EXCEPT THAT THE COMMISSION MAY PRESCRIBE A MANNER OF REFUNDING THE  
37 COST OF A BIG GAME PERMIT OR TAG TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

38 1. AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES  
39 WHO IS ORDERED TO LEAVE THIS STATE DURING THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH THE BIG  
40 GAME PERMIT OR TAG IS VALID FOR THE TAKING OF WILDLIFE.

41 2. A PEACE OFFICER WHO IS ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL DUTY DURING THE TIME  
42 PERIOD IN WHICH THE BIG GAME PERMIT OR TAG IS VALID FOR THE TAKING OF  
43 WILDLIFE.

1           3. A PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER WHO IS A MEMBER OF A STATE, FEDERAL,  
2 TRIBAL, CITY, TOWN, COUNTY, DISTRICT OR PRIVATE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WHO IS  
3 ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL DUTY DURING THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH THE BIG GAME  
4 PERMIT OR TAG IS VALID FOR THE TAKING OF WILDLIFE.

5           ~~F.~~ G. Licenses are valid for a license year as prescribed in rule  
6 by the commission. Lifetime licenses and benefactor licenses are valid  
7 for the lifetime of the licensee.