



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 299**

Hearing Date: January 25, 2007
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Hudkins, 21)
Title: Change provisions relating to the Game Law

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

- 8 Yes Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Fischer, Hudkins, Kopplin, Louden, Wallman
 - 0 No
 - 0 Present, not voting
 - 0 Absent
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Proponents:
Carol Hudkins
Kirk Nelson
Wes Sheets
Joe Herrod

Representing:
Introducer
Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Division, Izaak Walton League
Nebraska Council of Sportsmens Clubs

Opponents:
None

Representing:

Neutral:
Kristen Gottschalk

Representing:
Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 299 does the following:

Section 1 Allows the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to designate itself as an agent and collect the fee to issue permits and stamps; and allows the commission to charge up to \$2.00 for the clerical work of issuing the license, permit, or stamp and collecting the fees.

- Section 2 Allows the commission to sell multiple-year permits or combination permits; and eliminates the lower end fee of the permits for hunting and fishing, and fur harvesting.
- Section 3 Eliminates wild turkey from the requirement to have bow and arrow hunter education.
- Section 4 Establishes a lifetime Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp.
- Section 5 Adds a lifetime Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp to the list of stamps.
- Section 6 Dedicates the lifetime Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp funds to the Nebraska Habitat Fund.
- Section 7 Allows the commission to sell multiple-year deer permits or combination of permits at reduced rates; and eliminates the lower end fee for antelope permits.
- Section 8 Allows the commission to sell multiple-year antelope permits or combination of permits at reduced rates; and eliminates the lower end fee for antelope permits.
- Section 9 Eliminates the lower end fee for elk permits.
- Section 10 Eliminates wild turkey from the big game list.
- Section 11 Allows the commission to sell multiple-year wild turkey permits or combination of permits at reduced rates; and eliminates the lower end fee for wild turkey permits.
- Section 12 Establishes a paddlefish permit to replace the current application fee and drawing for a free permit. It provides for a charge of not more than \$35.00 for the permit.
- Section 13 Allows the commission to set exceptions for the hunter orange requirements.
- Section 14 Changes the reference from the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.
- Section 15 Changes the reference from the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.
- Section 16 Changes the name of the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.
- Section 17 Transfers the money in the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund to the Wildlife Conservation Fund on the effective date of this act.
- Section 18 Repealer

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The Committee amendment requires the Game and Parks Commission to promulgate rules and regulations for trapping in the county road right-of-way, and states that those rules and regulations can include requirements, notification, identification and trapping methods. It also defines county road right-of-way for purposes of this section.

Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairperson