

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 287

Introduced by Slama, 1, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1           1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and  
2 insert the following new sections:

3           Section 1. Section 37-201, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is  
4 amended to read:

5           37-201 Sections 37-201 to 37-811 and 37-1501 to 37-1510 and sections  
6 3 and 4 of this act and the State Park System Construction Alternatives  
7 Act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

8           Sec. 2. Section 37-202, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is  
9 amended to read:

10          37-202 For purposes of the Game Law, unless the context otherwise  
11 requires, the definitions found in sections 37-203 to 37-247.01 and  
12 sections 3 and 4 of this act are used.

13          Sec. 3. Bonus point means a point or points accrued by an applicant  
14 for preference in a random permit drawing in which the number of points  
15 determines the number of entries in the permit drawing.

16          Sec. 4. Preference point means a point or points accrued by an  
17 applicant for preference in a structured random permit drawing in which  
18 the draw is structured by the number of preference points and the  
19 applicants with the most points are drawn first.

20          Sec. 5. Section 37-317, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
21 amended to read:

22          37-317 The commission may disseminate information and promotional  
23 materials regarding ~~on~~ the state park system and the wildlife resources  
24 of the state in order ~~so~~ as to inform the public of the outdoor  
25 recreation opportunities to be found in Nebraska.

26          Sec. 6. Section 37-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
27 amended to read:

1           37-407 (1) The commission may offer multiple-year permits or  
2 combinations of permits at reduced rates and may establish fees pursuant  
3 to section 37-327 to be paid to the state for resident and nonresident  
4 annual hunting permits, annual fishing permits, three-day fishing  
5 permits, one-day fishing permits, combination hunting and fishing  
6 permits, fur-harvesting permits, and nonresident two-day hunting permits  
7 issued for periods of two consecutive days, as provided in this section.

8           (2) The fee for a multiple-year permit shall be established by the  
9 commission pursuant to section 37-327 and shall not be more than the  
10 number of years the permit will be valid times the fee required for an  
11 annual permit as provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section.  
12 Payment for a multiple-year permit shall be made in a lump sum at the  
13 time of application. A replacement multiple-year permit may be issued  
14 under section 37-409 if the original is lost or destroyed.

15           (3) Resident fees shall be (a) not more than eighteen dollars for an  
16 annual hunting permit, (b) not more than twenty-four dollars for an  
17 annual fishing permit, (c) not more than fifteen dollars for a three-day  
18 fishing permit, (d) not more than nine dollars for a one-day fishing  
19 permit, (e) not more than thirty-nine dollars for an annual fishing and  
20 hunting permit, and (f) not more than twenty dollars for an annual fur-  
21 harvesting permit.

22           (4) Nonresident fees shall be (a) not more than two hundred sixty  
23 dollars for a period of time specified by the commission for fur  
24 harvesting one thousand or less fur-bearing animals and not more than  
25 seventeen dollars and fifty cents additional for each one hundred or part  
26 of one hundred fur-bearing animals harvested, (b)(i) for persons sixteen  
27 years of age and older, not more than one hundred six dollars for an  
28 annual hunting permit and (ii) for persons under sixteen years of age,  
29 not less than the fee required pursuant to subdivision (3)(a) of this  
30 section for an annual hunting permit, (c) not more than seventy-three  
31 dollars for a two-day hunting permit plus the cost of a habitat stamp,

1 (d) not more than twelve dollars for a one-day fishing permit, (e) not  
2 more than twenty-two dollars for a three-day fishing permit, (f) not more  
3 than sixty-six dollars for an annual fishing permit, and (g)(i) for  
4 persons sixteen years of age and older, not more than one hundred fifty-  
5 nine dollars for an annual fishing and hunting permit and (ii) for  
6 persons under sixteen years of age, not less than the fee required  
7 pursuant to subdivision (3)(e) of this section for an annual fishing and  
8 hunting permit.

9 (5) The commission may offer permits or combinations of permits at  
10 temporarily reduced rates for specific events or during specified  
11 timeframes.

12 Sec. 7. Section 37-409, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
13 amended to read:

14 37-409 The commission may issue a replacement permit for hunting,  
15 fishing, both hunting and fishing, or fur harvesting or for such other  
16 permits as may be issued by the commission to any person who has lost his  
17 or her original permit upon receipt from such person of satisfactory  
18 proof of purchase and an affidavit of loss of such original permit. The  
19 commission shall prescribe the procedures for applying for a replacement  
20 permit and may authorize electronic issuance. The commission may also  
21 designate agents to issue replacement permits pursuant to section 37-406.  
22 A fee of ~~not less than one dollar and fifty cents~~ and not more than five  
23 dollars, as established by the commission, shall be charged for the  
24 issuance of each replacement permit, except that no such fee shall be  
25 charged for replacement of any permits exempt from the payment of fees,  
26 lifetime permits, or permits issued under section 37-421 or 37-421.01.

27 Sec. 8. Section 37-415, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
28 amended to read:

29 37-415 (1) The commission may issue to any Nebraska resident a  
30 lifetime fur-harvesting, fishing, hunting, or combination hunting and  
31 fishing permit upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The

1 fee for a resident lifetime fur-harvesting permit shall be not more than  
2 two hundred ninety-nine dollars, the fee for a resident lifetime hunting  
3 permit shall be not more than three hundred ninety-six dollars, the fee  
4 for a resident lifetime fishing permit shall be not more than four  
5 hundred fifty-seven dollars plus the cost of a lifetime aquatic habitat  
6 stamp, and the fee for a resident lifetime combination hunting and  
7 fishing permit shall be not more than seven hundred ninety-two dollars  
8 plus the cost of a lifetime aquatic habitat stamp, as such fees are  
9 established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327. Payment of the  
10 fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application.

11 (2) A resident lifetime permit shall not be made invalid by reason  
12 of the holder subsequently residing outside the state.

13 (3) The commission may issue to any nonresident a lifetime fishing,  
14 hunting, or combination hunting and fishing permit upon application and  
15 payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a nonresident lifetime  
16 hunting permit shall be not more than one thousand five hundred sixty-two  
17 dollars, the fee for a nonresident lifetime fishing permit shall be not  
18 more than one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars plus the cost of a  
19 lifetime aquatic habitat stamp, and the fee for a nonresident lifetime  
20 combination hunting and fishing permit shall be not more than two  
21 thousand three hundred forty-two dollars plus the cost of a lifetime  
22 aquatic habitat stamp, as such fees are established by the commission  
23 pursuant to section 37-327. Payment of the fee shall be made in a lump  
24 sum at the time of application.

25 (4) A replacement resident or nonresident lifetime permit may be  
26 issued if the original has been lost or destroyed for no additional fee.  
27 This subsection applies only to a paper permit and not a commemorative  
28 brass plate permit. ~~The fee for a replacement shall be not more than five~~  
29 ~~dollars, as established by the commission.~~

30 (5) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
31 carry out this section and sections 37-416 and 37-417. Such rules and

1 regulations may include, but need not be limited to, establishing fees  
2 which vary based on the age of the applicant.

3 Sec. 9. Section 37-426, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 37-426 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section:

6 (a) No resident of Nebraska sixteen years of age or older and no  
7 nonresident of Nebraska regardless of age shall hunt, harvest, or possess  
8 any game bird, upland game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal  
9 unless, at the time of such hunting, harvesting, or possessing, such  
10 person has an unexpired habitat stamp as prescribed by the rules and  
11 regulations of the commission prior to the time of hunting, harvesting,  
12 or possessing such bird or animal;

13 (b) No resident or nonresident of Nebraska shall take or possess any  
14 aquatic organism requiring a Nebraska fishing permit, including any fish,  
15 bullfrog, snapping turtle, tiger salamander, or mussel, unless, at the  
16 time of such taking or possessing, such person has an unexpired aquatic  
17 habitat stamp as prescribed by the rules and regulations of the  
18 commission prior to the time of taking or possessing a fish, bullfrog,  
19 snapping turtle, tiger salamander, or mussel; and

20 (c) No resident of Nebraska sixteen years of age or older and no  
21 nonresident of Nebraska regardless of age shall hunt, harvest, or possess  
22 any migratory waterfowl unless, at the time of such hunting, harvesting,  
23 or possessing, such person has an unexpired Nebraska migratory waterfowl  
24 stamp as prescribed by the rules and regulations of the commission prior  
25 to the time of hunting, harvesting, or possessing such migratory  
26 waterfowl.

27 (2) The commission may issue a lifetime habitat stamp, lifetime  
28 Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp, or lifetime aquatic habitat stamp  
29 upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a  
30 lifetime stamp shall be not more than twenty times the fee required in  
31 subsection (5) of this section for an annual habitat stamp, annual

1 Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp, or annual aquatic habitat stamp.  
2 Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of  
3 application. A replacement lifetime stamp may be issued if the original  
4 is lost or destroyed at no additional fee. This subsection applies only  
5 to a paper permit and not a commemorative brass plate permit.

6 (3) The commission may issue a multiple-year habitat stamp,  
7 multiple-year Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp, or multiple-year  
8 aquatic habitat stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate  
9 fee. The fee for such multiple-year stamps shall be established by the  
10 commission pursuant to section 37-327 and shall not be more than the  
11 number of years the stamp is valid times the fee required in subsection  
12 (5) of this section for an annual habitat stamp, annual Nebraska  
13 migratory waterfowl stamp, or annual aquatic habitat stamp. Payment of  
14 such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A  
15 replacement multiple-year stamp may be issued if the original is lost or  
16 destroyed at no additional fee.

17 ~~(2)(a) The commission may issue a lifetime habitat stamp upon~~  
18 ~~application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a lifetime~~  
19 ~~habitat stamp shall be twenty times the fee required in subsection (5) of~~  
20 ~~this section for an annual habitat stamp. Payment of such fee shall be~~  
21 ~~made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement lifetime~~  
22 ~~habitat stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed. The fee~~  
23 ~~for a replacement shall be not more than five dollars, as established by~~  
24 ~~the commission.~~

25 ~~(b) The commission may issue a lifetime Nebraska migratory waterfowl~~  
26 ~~stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a~~  
27 ~~lifetime Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp shall be twenty times the fee~~  
28 ~~required in subsection (5) of this section for an annual Nebraska~~  
29 ~~migratory waterfowl stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump~~  
30 ~~sum at the time of application. A replacement Nebraska lifetime migratory~~  
31 ~~waterfowl stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed. The~~

1 fee for a replacement shall be not more than five dollars, as established  
2 by the commission.

3 ~~(c) The commission may issue a lifetime aquatic habitat stamp upon~~  
4 ~~application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a lifetime~~  
5 ~~aquatic habitat stamp shall be twenty times the fee required in~~  
6 ~~subdivision (5)(c) of this section for an annual aquatic habitat stamp.~~  
7 ~~Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of~~  
8 ~~application. A replacement lifetime aquatic habitat stamp may be issued~~  
9 ~~if the original is lost or destroyed. The fee for a replacement shall be~~  
10 ~~not more than five dollars, as established by the commission.~~

11 ~~(3)(a) The commission may issue a multiple-year habitat stamp upon~~  
12 ~~application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a multiple-~~  
13 ~~year habitat stamp shall be established by the commission pursuant to~~  
14 ~~section 37-327 and shall not be more than the number of years the stamp~~  
15 ~~is valid times the fee required in subsection (5) of this section for an~~  
16 ~~annual habitat stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at~~  
17 ~~the time of application. A replacement multiple-year habitat stamp may be~~  
18 ~~issued if the original is lost or destroyed.~~

19 ~~(b) The commission may issue a multiple-year Nebraska migratory~~  
20 ~~waterfowl stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The~~  
21 ~~fee for a multiple-year Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp shall be~~  
22 ~~established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327 and shall not be~~  
23 ~~more than the number of years the stamp is valid times the fee required~~  
24 ~~in subsection (5) of this section for an annual Nebraska migratory~~  
25 ~~waterfowl stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the~~  
26 ~~time of application. A replacement Nebraska multiple-year migratory~~  
27 ~~waterfowl stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed.~~

28 ~~(c) The commission may issue a multiple-year aquatic habitat stamp~~  
29 ~~upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a~~  
30 ~~multiple-year aquatic habitat stamp shall be established by the~~  
31 ~~commission pursuant to section 37-327 and shall not be more than the~~

~~1 number of years the stamp is valid times the fee required in subsection  
2 (5) of this section for an annual aquatic habitat stamp. Payment of such  
3 fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement  
4 multiple-year aquatic habitat stamp may be issued if the original is lost  
5 or destroyed.~~

6 (4) Habitat stamps are not required for holders of limited permits  
7 issued under section 37-455. Aquatic habitat stamps are not required (a)  
8 when a fishing permit is not required, (b) for holders of permits  
9 pursuant to section 37-424, or (c) for holders of lifetime fishing  
10 permits or lifetime combination hunting and fishing permits purchased  
11 prior to January 1, 2006. Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamps are not  
12 required for hunting, harvesting, or possessing any species other than  
13 ducks, geese, or brant. For purposes of this section, a showing of proof  
14 of the electronic issuance of a stamp by the commission shall fulfill the  
15 requirements of this section.

16 (5)(a) Any person to whom a stamp has been issued shall, immediately  
17 upon request, exhibit evidence of issuance of the stamp to any officer.  
18 Any person hunting, fishing, harvesting, or possessing any game bird,  
19 upland game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal or any aquatic  
20 organism requiring a fishing permit in this state without evidence of  
21 issuance of the appropriate stamp shall be deemed to be without such  
22 stamp.

23 (b) An annual habitat stamp shall be issued upon the payment of a  
24 fee of not more than twenty-five dollars per stamp. A multiple-year  
25 habitat stamp shall be issued in conjunction with a multiple-year hunting  
26 permit or a multiple-year combination hunting and fishing permit at a fee  
27 of not more than twenty-five dollars times the number of years the  
28 multiple-year permit is valid.

29 (c) An aquatic habitat stamp shall be issued in conjunction with  
30 each fishing permit for a fee of not more than fifteen dollars per stamp  
31 for annual fishing permits, three-day fishing permits, or combination

1 hunting and fishing permits, a fee of not more than fifteen dollars times  
2 the number of years the multiple-year fishing permit or a multiple-year  
3 combination hunting and fishing permit is valid, and a fee of not more  
4 than twenty times the fee required for an annual aquatic habitat stamp  
5 for lifetime fishing or combination hunting and fishing permits. The fee  
6 established under section 37-407 for a one-day fishing permit shall  
7 include an aquatic habitat stamp. One dollar from the sale of each one-  
8 day fishing permit shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to  
9 the Nebraska Aquatic Habitat Fund.

10 (d) An annual Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp shall be issued  
11 upon the payment of a fee of ~~not less than ten dollars~~ and not more than  
12 sixteen dollars per stamp. A multiple-year Nebraska migratory waterfowl  
13 stamp may only be issued in conjunction with a multiple-year hunting  
14 permit or a multiple-year combination hunting and fishing permit at a fee  
15 of not more than the annual fee times the number of years the multiple-  
16 year permit is valid.

17 (e) The commission shall establish the fees pursuant to section  
18 37-327.

19 (6) The commission may offer stamps or combinations of stamps at  
20 temporarily reduced rates for specific events or during specified  
21 timeframes in conjunction with other permit sales.

22 Sec. 10. Section 37-438, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
23 amended to read:

24 37-438 (1) The commission shall devise permits in two forms: Annual  
25 and temporary.

26 (2) The annual permit may be purchased by any person and shall be  
27 valid through December 31 in the year for which the permit is issued. The  
28 fee for the annual permit for a resident motor vehicle shall be not less  
29 than thirty dollars and not more than thirty-five dollars per permit. The  
30 fee for the annual permit for a nonresident motor vehicle shall not be  
31 less than the fee for a resident motor vehicle and not more than fifty-

1 ~~five forty-five~~ dollars. The commission shall establish such fees by the  
2 adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations.

3 (3) A temporary permit may be purchased by any person and shall be  
4 valid until noon of the day following the date of issue. The fee for the  
5 temporary permit for a resident motor vehicle shall be ~~not less than six~~  
6 ~~dollars and~~ not more than seven dollars. The fee for the temporary permit  
7 for a nonresident motor vehicle shall ~~not be less than the fee for a~~  
8 ~~resident motor vehicle and~~ not more than ten eight dollars. The  
9 commission shall establish such fees by the adoption and promulgation of  
10 rules and regulations. The commission may issue temporary permits which  
11 are either valid for any area or valid for a single area.

12 (4) The commission may offer permits or combinations of permits at  
13 temporarily reduced rates for specific events or during specified  
14 timeframes.

15 Sec. 11. Section 37-447, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
16 amended to read:

17 37-447 (1) The commission may issue permits for the hunting of deer  
18 and adopt and promulgate rules and regulations and pass commission orders  
19 pursuant to section 37-314 to prescribe limitations for the hunting,  
20 transportation, and possession of deer. The commission may offer  
21 ~~multiple-year~~ permits or combinations of permits at temporarily reduced  
22 rates for specific events or during specified timeframes. The commission  
23 may specify by rule and regulation the information to be required on  
24 applications for such permits. Rules and regulations for the hunting,  
25 transportation, and possession of deer may include, but not be limited  
26 to, rules and regulations as to the type, caliber, and other  
27 specifications of firearms and ammunition used and specifications for  
28 bows and arrows used. Such rules and regulations may further specify and  
29 limit the method of hunting deer and may provide for dividing the state  
30 into management units or areas, and the commission may enact different  
31 deer hunting regulations for the different management units pertaining to

1 sex, species, and age of the deer hunted.

2 (2) The number of such permits may be limited as provided by the  
3 rules and regulations of the commission, and except as provided in  
4 section 37-454, the permits shall be allocated in an impartial manner.  
5 Whenever the commission deems it advisable to limit the number of permits  
6 issued for any or all management units, the commission shall, by rules  
7 and regulations, determine eligibility to obtain such permits. In  
8 establishing eligibility, the commission may give preference to persons  
9 who did not receive a permit or a specified type of permit during the  
10 previous year or years.

11 (3) Such permits may be issued to allow deer hunting in the Nebraska  
12 National Forest and other game reserves and such other areas as the  
13 commission may designate whenever the commission deems that permitting  
14 such hunting will not be detrimental to the proper preservation of  
15 wildlife in Nebraska in such forest, reserves, or areas.

16 (4)(a) The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and  
17 charge a nonrefundable application fee of not more than seven dollars for  
18 deer permits in those management units awarded on the basis of a random  
19 drawing. The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and  
20 charge a fee of not more than thirty-nine dollars for residents and not  
21 more than two hundred eighty-four dollars for nonresidents for each  
22 permit issued under this section except as otherwise provided in  
23 subdivision (b) of this subsection and subsection (6) of this section.  
24 The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a  
25 fee of not more than twenty-four dollars for residents and not more than  
26 seventy-two dollars for nonresidents for the issuance of a preference  
27 point, in addition to any application fee, in lieu of entering the draw  
28 for a deer permit during the application period for the random drawing.

29 (b) The fee for a statewide buck-only permit limited to white-tailed  
30 deer shall be no more than two and one-half times the amount of a regular  
31 deer permit. The fee for a statewide buck-only deer permit that allows

1 harvest of mule deer shall be no more than five times the amount of a  
2 regular deer permit.

3 (5)(a) The commission may issue nonresident permits after preference  
4 has been given for the issuance of resident permits as provided in rules  
5 and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission.

6 (b) In management units specified by the commission, the commission  
7 may issue nonresident permits after resident preference has been provided  
8 by allocating at least eighty-five percent of the available permits to  
9 residents. The commission may require a predetermined application period  
10 for permit applications in specified management units. Such permits shall  
11 be issued after a reasonable period for making application, as  
12 established by the commission, has expired. When more valid applications  
13 are received for a designated management unit than there are permits  
14 available, such permits shall be allocated on the basis of a random  
15 drawing. All valid applications received during the predetermined  
16 application period shall be considered equally in any such random drawing  
17 without regard to time of receipt of such applications by the commission.

18 (6) The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and  
19 charge a fee of not more than twenty-five dollars for residents and not  
20 more than forty-five dollars for nonresidents for a youth deer permit.

21 (7) Any person violating the rules and regulations adopted and  
22 promulgated or commission orders passed pursuant to this section shall be  
23 guilty of a Class II misdemeanor and shall be fined at least one hundred  
24 dollars upon conviction.

25 Sec. 12. Section 37-449, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
26 amended to read:

27 37-449 (1) The commission may issue permits for hunting antelope and  
28 may adopt and promulgate separate and, when necessary, different rules  
29 and regulations therefor within the limitations prescribed in sections  
30 37-447 and 37-452 for hunting deer. The commission may offer ~~multiple-~~  
31 ~~year~~ permits or combinations of permits at reduced rates for specific

1 events or during specified timeframes.

2 (2) The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and  
3 charge a nonrefundable application fee of not more than seven dollars for  
4 antelope permits in those management units awarded on the basis of a  
5 random drawing. The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327,  
6 establish and charge a fee of not more than thirty-nine dollars for  
7 residents and not more than one hundred ninety-eight dollars for  
8 nonresidents for each permit issued under this section except as provided  
9 in subsection (4) of this section. The commission may, pursuant to  
10 section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of not more than twenty-four  
11 dollars for residents and not more than seventy-two dollars for  
12 nonresidents for the issuance of a preference point, in addition to any  
13 application fee, in lieu of entering the draw for an antelope permit  
14 during the application period for the random drawing.

15 (3) The provisions for the distribution of deer permits and the  
16 authority of the commission to determine eligibility of applicants for  
17 permits as described in sections 37-447 and 37-452 shall also apply to  
18 the distribution of antelope permits.

19 (4) The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and  
20 charge a fee of not more than twenty-five dollars for residents and not  
21 more than forty-five dollars for nonresidents for a youth antelope  
22 permit.

23 (5) Any person violating the rules and regulations adopted and  
24 promulgated pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a Class II  
25 misdemeanor and shall be fined at least one hundred dollars upon  
26 conviction.

27 Sec. 13. Section 37-450, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
28 amended to read:

29 37-450 (1) The commission may issue permits for hunting elk and may  
30 adopt and promulgate separate and, when necessary, different rules and  
31 regulations therefor within the limitations prescribed in sections 37-447

1 and 37-452 for hunting deer.

2 (2) The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and  
3 charge (a) a nonrefundable application fee of not more than twelve  
4 dollars for a resident elk permit and not to exceed three times such  
5 amount for a nonresident elk permit and (b) a fee of not more than one  
6 hundred ninety-eight dollars for each resident elk permit issued and  
7 three times such amount for each nonresident elk permit issued. The  
8 commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of  
9 not more than twenty-four dollars for residents and not more than  
10 seventy-two dollars for nonresidents for the issuance of a preference  
11 point or a bonus point, in addition to any application fee, in lieu of  
12 entering the draw for an elk permit during the application period for the  
13 random drawing.

14 (3) An applicant shall not be issued a resident elk permit that  
15 allows the harvest of an antlered elk more than once every five years. A  
16 person may only harvest one antlered elk in his or her lifetime except  
17 when harvesting an antlered elk with a limited permit to hunt elk  
18 pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of section 37-455 or an auction or lottery  
19 permit pursuant to section 37-455.01.

20 (4) The provisions for the distribution of deer permits and the  
21 authority of the commission to determine eligibility of applicants for  
22 permits as described in sections 37-447 and 37-452 shall also apply to  
23 the distribution of elk permits.

24 (5) Any person violating the rules and regulations adopted and  
25 promulgated pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a Class III  
26 misdemeanor and shall be fined at least two hundred dollars upon  
27 conviction.

28 Sec. 14. Section 37-4,111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
29 amended to read:

30 37-4,111 The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and  
31 regulations to provide for the issuance of permits for the taking of

1 paddlefish. The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and  
2 charge a fee of not more than thirty-five dollars for residents. The fee  
3 for a nonresident permit to take paddlefish shall be two times the  
4 resident permit fee. In addition, the commission may, pursuant to section  
5 37-327, establish and charge a nonrefundable application fee of not more  
6 than seven dollars. The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327,  
7 establish and charge a fee of not more than twenty-four dollars for  
8 residents and not more than seventy-two dollars for nonresidents for the  
9 issuance of a preference point, in addition to any application fee, in  
10 lieu of entering the draw for a paddlefish permit during the application  
11 period for the random drawing. All fees collected under this section  
12 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the State Game  
13 Fund.

14 Sec. 15. Section 37-527, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
15 amended to read:

16 37-527 (1) For purposes of this section, hunter orange means a  
17 daylight fluorescent orange color with a dominant wave length between  
18 five hundred ninety-five and six hundred five nanometers, an excitation  
19 purity of not less than eighty-five percent, and a luminance factor of  
20 not less than forty percent.

21 (2) Any person hunting deer, antelope, wild turkey, elk, or mountain  
22 sheep during an authorized firearm season in this state shall display on  
23 his or her head, chest, and back a total of not less than four hundred  
24 square inches of hunter orange material except as exempted by rules and  
25 regulations of the commission.

26 (3) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class  
27 V misdemeanor.

28 (4) This section shall not apply to archery hunters hunting during a  
29 non-center-fire firearm season or in a management unit where a current  
30 center-fire firearm season is not open. The commission may adopt and  
31 promulgate rules and regulations allowing additional exceptions and

1 establishing requirements for hunter orange during other authorized  
2 hunting seasons.

3       Sec. 16. Section 37-1214, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is  
4 amended to read:

5       37-1214 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 37-1211, the  
6 owner of each motorboat shall register such vessel or renew the  
7 registration every three years as provided in section 37-1226. The owner  
8 of such vessel shall file an initial application for a certificate of  
9 number pursuant to section 37-1216 with a county treasurer on forms  
10 approved and provided by the commission. The application shall be signed  
11 by the owner of the vessel, shall contain the year manufactured, and  
12 shall be accompanied by a registration fee for the three-year period of  
13 ~~twenty-eight not less than twenty dollars and not more than twenty-three~~  
14 ~~dollars for Class 1 boats, fifty-one not less than forty dollars and not~~  
15 ~~more than forty-six dollars for Class 2 boats, seventy-two not less than~~  
16 ~~sixty dollars and not more than sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents for~~  
17 ~~Class 3 boats, and not less than one hundred dollars and not more than~~  
18 ~~one hundred twenty fifteen dollars for Class 4 boats, as established by~~  
19 ~~the commission pursuant to section 37-327. Of each motorboat registration~~  
20 ~~fee, The owner of the motorboat shall also pay a fee established pursuant~~  
21 ~~to section 37-327 of not less than five dollars and not more than ten~~  
22 ~~dollars may be used for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program at the time~~  
23 ~~of registration or renewal.~~

24       (2) The owner of a motorboat not registered in Nebraska shall  
25 purchase an aquatic invasive species stamp for the Aquatic Invasive  
26 Species Program valid for one calendar year prior to launching into any  
27 waters of the state. The cost of such one-year stamp shall be established  
28 pursuant to section 37-327 and be not less than ten dollars and not more  
29 than fifteen dollars plus an issuance fee pursuant to section 37-406.  
30 Such one-year stamp may be purchased electronically or through any vendor  
31 authorized by the commission to sell other permits and stamps issued

1 under the Game Law pursuant to section 37-406. The aquatic invasive  
2 species stamp shall be permanently affixed on the starboard and rearward  
3 side of the vessel. The proceeds from the sale of stamps shall be  
4 remitted to the State Game Fund.

5 (3) This subsection applies beginning on an implementation date  
6 designated by the Director of Motor Vehicles in cooperation with the  
7 commission. The director shall designate an implementation date on or  
8 before January 1, 2021, for motorboat registration. In addition to the  
9 information required under subsection (1) of this section, the  
10 application for registration shall contain (a)(i) the full legal name as  
11 defined in section 60-468.01 of each owner or (ii) the name of each owner  
12 as such name appears on the owner's motor vehicle operator's license or  
13 state identification card and (b)(i) the motor vehicle operator's license  
14 number or state identification card number of each owner, if applicable,  
15 and one or more of the identification elements as listed in section  
16 60-484 of each owner, if applicable, and (ii) if any owner is a business  
17 entity, a nonprofit organization, an estate, a trust, or a church-  
18 controlled organization, its tax identification number.

19 Sec. 17. Section 37-1215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
20 amended to read:

21 37-1215 In the event an application is made after the beginning of  
22 any registration period for registration of any vessel not previously  
23 registered by the applicant in this state, the registration fee on such  
24 vessel shall be reduced by one thirty-sixth for each full month of the  
25 registration period already expired as of the date such vessel was  
26 acquired. ~~The fee for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program shall not be~~  
27 ~~so reduced.~~ The county treasurer shall compute the registration fee on  
28 forms and pursuant to rules of the commission.

29 Sec. 18. Section 37-1219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
30 amended to read:

31 37-1219 All registration fees and ~~fees for the Aquatic Invasive~~

1 ~~Species Program~~ received by the county treasurers shall be remitted on or  
2 before the thirtieth day of the following month to the secretary of the  
3 commission. All remittances shall be upon a form to be furnished by the  
4 commission and a duplicate copy shall be retained by the county  
5 treasurer.

6 Sec. 19. Original sections 37-317, 37-407, 37-409, 37-415, 37-426,  
7 37-438, 37-447, 37-449, 37-450, 37-4,111, 37-527, 37-1215, and 37-1219,  
8 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-201, 37-202, and  
9 37-1214, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, are repealed.

10 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "37-202" in line 1 through line  
11 17 and insert "37-317, 37-407, 37-409, 37-415, 37-426, 37-438, 37-447,  
12 37-449, 37-450, 37-4,111, 37-527, 37-1215, and 37-1219, Reissue Revised  
13 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-201, 37-202, and 37-1214, Revised  
14 Statutes Supplement, 2019; to define terms; to provide and change powers  
15 of the Game and Parks Commission relating to dissemination of promotional  
16 materials, reduced-rate permits and stamps, replacement permit fees, and  
17 adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations and issuance of  
18 orders; to change provisions relating to lifetime, multiple-year, and  
19 annual permits, stamps, and fees; to change annual and temporary motor  
20 vehicle permit fee provisions; to provide for resident and nonresident  
21 fees for preference points or bonus points in lieu of applying for  
22 certain permits for random drawings; to provide for rules and regulations  
23 relating to hunter orange; to change motorboat registration fees as  
24 prescribed; to change and eliminate provisions relating to fees for the  
25 Aquatic Invasive Species Program; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal  
26 the original sections."