

**As Introduced**

**132nd General Assembly  
Regular Session  
2017-2018**

**H. B. No. 152**

**Representative Patmon**

---

**A BILL**

To amend section 1533.13 of the Revised Code to 1  
require an applicant for a hunting license to 2  
specify whether the applicant has been convicted 3  
of or pleaded guilty to a felony and to require 4  
the license to specify "firearm restricted" if 5  
an applicant has so indicated. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 1533.13 of the Revised Code be 8  
amended to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 1533.13.** Hunting and fishing licenses, wetlands 10  
habitat stamps, deer and wild turkey permits, fur taker permits, 11  
and any other licenses, permits, or stamps that are required 12  
under this chapter or Chapter 1531. of the Revised Code and any 13  
reissued license, permit, or stamp may be issued by the clerk of 14  
the court of common pleas, village clerks, township fiscal 15  
officers, and other authorized agents designated by the chief of 16  
the division of wildlife. When required by the chief, a clerk, 17  
fiscal officer, or other agent shall give bond in the manner 18  
provided by the chief. All bonds, reports, except records 19

prescribed by the auditor of state, and moneys received by those 20  
persons shall be handled under rules adopted by the director of 21  
natural resources. 22

The premium of any bond prescribed by the chief under this 23  
section may be paid by the chief. Any person who is designated 24  
and authorized by the chief to issue licenses, stamps, and 25  
permits as provided in this section, except the clerk of the 26  
court of common pleas, a village clerk, and a township fiscal 27  
officer, shall pay to the chief a premium in an amount that 28  
represents the person's portion of the premium paid by the chief 29  
under this section, which amount shall be established by the 30  
chief and approved by the wildlife council created under section 31  
1531.03 of the Revised Code. The chief shall pay all moneys that 32  
the chief receives as premiums under this section into the state 33  
treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund created under 34  
section 1531.17 of the Revised Code. 35

Every authorized agent, for the purpose of issuing hunting 36  
and fishing licenses, wetlands habitat stamps, deer and wild 37  
turkey permits, and fur taker permits, may administer oaths to 38  
and take affidavits from applicants for the licenses, stamps, or 39  
permits when required. An authorized agent may appoint deputies 40  
to perform any acts that the agent is authorized to perform, 41  
consistent with division rules. 42

Every applicant for a hunting or fishing license, wetlands 43  
habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit, 44  
unless otherwise provided by division rule, shall provide the 45  
applicant's name, date of birth, weight, height, and place of 46  
residence and any other information that the chief may require, 47  
including whether an applicant for a hunting license has been 48  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony. The clerk, fiscal 49

officer, or other agent authorized to issue licenses, stamps, 50  
and permits shall charge each applicant a fee of one dollar for 51  
taking the information provided by the applicant and issuing the 52  
license, stamp, or permit. ~~The~~ 53

The application, license, stamp, permit, and other blanks 54  
required by this section shall be prepared and furnished by the 55  
chief, in the form the chief provides, to the clerk, fiscal 56  
officer, or other agent authorized to issue them. The form of a 57  
hunting license shall include the words "firearm restricted" 58  
adjacent to a box that the issuing agent shall check if an 59  
applicant for a hunting license has been convicted of or pleaded 60  
guilty to a felony. The licenses and permits shall be issued to 61  
applicants by the clerk, fiscal officer, or other agent. The 62  
record of licenses and permits kept by the clerks, fiscal 63  
officers, and other agents shall be uniform throughout the state 64  
and in the form or manner as the auditor of state prescribes and 65  
shall be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of any 66  
person. Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each hunting 67  
license, deer or wild turkey permit, and fur taker permit issued 68  
shall remain in force until midnight of the thirty-first day of 69  
August next ensuing. Application for any such license or permit 70  
may be made and a license or permit issued prior to the date 71  
upon which it becomes effective. 72

The chief may require an applicant who wishes to purchase 73  
a license, stamp, or permit by mail or telephone or via the 74  
internet to pay a nominal fee for postage and handling and 75  
credit card transactions. 76

The court before whom a violator of any laws or division 77  
rules for the protection of wild animals is tried, as a part of 78  
the punishment, shall revoke the license, stamp, or permit of 79

any person convicted. The license, stamp, or permit fee paid by 80  
that person shall not be returned to the person. The person 81  
shall not procure or use any other license, stamp, or permit or 82  
engage in hunting wild animals or trapping fur-bearing animals 83  
during the period of revocation as ordered by the court. 84

No person under sixteen years of age shall engage in 85  
hunting unless accompanied by the person's parent or another 86  
adult person. 87

No person who has been issued a hunting license that is 88  
"firearm restricted" shall engage in hunting with a firearm. 89

**Section 2.** That existing section 1533.13 of the Revised 90  
Code is hereby repealed. 91