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Chairman McColley, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce Committee, my name is Peter Novotny and I am the Assistant Chief of Wildlife for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Thank you for the opportunity to present information today regarding the licensing responsibilities of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. The Division of Wildlife manages or cooperates in managing over three-quarters of a million acres of diverse wildlife lands throughout the state, plus more than 2 1/4 million acres of water. Based on biological data and public input, the division issues regulations that supplement long-term statutes to protect wildlife and to provide the public with opportunities to benefit from wildlife for recreational, scientific, and other purposes.

The Division of Wildlife programs and projects are primarily supported by license fees, permits for hunting, fishing and trapping in Ohio. Programs also receive support from federal aid (Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson Act) and Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson Act)). The balance of support, about 10%, is derived from fines, donations to the Wildlife Diversity Fund, motor vehicle fuel tax and other sources, including less than \$2 M per year from the General Revenue Fund.

Licenses that the division oversees:

PERMIT/LICENSE	ORC	Federal Requirement
Aquaculture	1533.632	
Bait Dealer	1533.40	
Captive White-tailed deer	1533.71	
Commercial Bird Shooting Preserve	1533.72	
Dog Training Grounds	1533.19	
Falconry	1533.05	Yes
Fur Dealer-resident	1533.23	
Fur Dealer - nonresident	1533.23	
Ginseng Dealer	1533.88	Yes
Nuisance Wild Animal Control Operator	1531.40	
Lake Erie Fishing Guide	1533.51	
Wild Animal Collecting	1533.08	
Wild Animal Propagation-commercial	1533.71	
Wild Animal Propagation - noncommercial	1533.71	
Wild Animal Rehabilitation	1533.08	
Wild Animal Hunting Preserve	1533.72	
Fish Wholesale Permit	1533.63	
Fish Transportation Permit	1533.30	
Raptor propagation Permit	1533.05	Yes
Field Trial Club Permit	1533.19	
Commercial Fishing License - trap net	1533.35	

Commercial Fishing - seine	1533.35
Commercial Fishing - carp net	1533.35
Commercial Fishing - trotline	1533.35
Experimental Fishing Device	1533.35
Tag Fishing Tournament Permit	1533.92

Hunter Education Instructor and Trapper Education Instructor are not issued licenses.

The Division of Wildlife is necessary to protect the balance of fish, wildlife and habitats for public use and enjoyment while keeping Ohio's natural resources from becoming scarce. Members of the Committee, thank you again for giving me opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to take any questions that you may have at this time.