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Cosponsors: Representative Schaffer**

A BILL

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

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

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

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

persons shall be handled under rules adopted by the director of 20
natural resources. 21

The premium of any bond prescribed by the chief under this 22
section may be paid by the chief. Any person who is designated 23
and authorized by the chief to issue licenses, stamps, and 24
permits as provided in this section, except the clerk of the 25
court of common pleas, a village clerk, and a township fiscal 26
officer, shall pay to the chief a premium in an amount that 27
represents the person's portion of the premium paid by the chief 28
under this section, which amount shall be established by the 29
chief and approved by the wildlife council created under section 30
1531.03 of the Revised Code. The chief shall pay all moneys that 31
the chief receives as premiums under this section into the state 32
treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund created under 33
section 1531.17 of the Revised Code. 34

Every authorized agent, for the purpose of issuing hunting 35
and fishing licenses, wetlands habitat stamps, deer and wild 36
turkey permits, and fur taker permits, may administer oaths to 37
and take affidavits from applicants for the licenses, stamps, or 38
permits when required. An authorized agent may appoint deputies 39
to perform any acts that the agent is authorized to perform, 40
consistent with division rules. 41

Every applicant for a hunting or fishing license, wetlands 42
habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit, 43
unless otherwise provided by division rule, shall provide the 44
applicant's name, date of birth, weight, height, and place of 45
residence and any other information that the chief may require, 46
including whether an applicant for a hunting license has been 47
convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony. The clerk, fiscal 48
officer, or other agent authorized to issue licenses, stamps, 49

and permits shall charge each applicant a fee of one dollar for 50
taking the information provided by the applicant and issuing the 51
license, stamp, or permit. The application, license, stamp, 52
permit, and other blanks required by this section shall be 53
prepared and furnished by the chief, in the form the chief 54
provides, to the clerk, fiscal officer, or other agent 55
authorized to issue them. The form of a hunting license shall 56
include the words "firearm restricted" adjacent to a box that 57
the issuing agent shall check if an applicant for a hunting 58
license has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony. The 59
licenses and permits shall be issued to applicants by the clerk, 60
fiscal officer, or other agent. The record of licenses and 61
permits kept by the clerks, fiscal officers, and other agents 62
shall be uniform throughout the state and in the form or manner 63
as the auditor of state prescribes and shall be open at all 64
reasonable hours to the inspection of any person. Unless 65
otherwise provided by division rule, each hunting license, deer 66
or wild turkey permit, and fur taker permit issued shall remain 67
in force until midnight of the thirty-first day of August next 68
ensuing. Application for any such license or permit may be made 69
and a license or permit issued prior to the date upon which it 70
becomes effective. 71

The chief may require an applicant who wishes to purchase 72
a license, stamp, or permit by mail or telephone or via the 73
internet to pay a nominal fee for postage and handling and 74
credit card transactions. 75

The court before whom a violator of any laws or division 76
rules for the protection of wild animals is tried, as a part of 77
the punishment, shall revoke the license, stamp, or permit of 78
any person convicted. The license, stamp, or permit fee paid by 79
that person shall not be returned to the person. The person 80

shall not procure or use any other license, stamp, or permit or 81
engage in hunting wild animals or trapping fur-bearing animals 82
during the period of revocation as ordered by the court. 83

No person under sixteen years of age shall engage in 84
hunting unless accompanied by the person's parent or another 85
adult person. 86

Section 2. That existing section 1533.13 of the Revised 87
Code is hereby repealed. 88