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H. B. No. 201

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ТС	o amend sections 1533.10, 1533.11, and 1533.111 of	1
	the Revised Code to allow a resident landowner's	2
	parents and grandchildren to hunt on the	3
	landowner's property without obtaining a hunting	4
	license, deer permit, wild turkey permit, or fur	
	taker permit.	6

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

<b>Section 1</b> . That sections 1533.10, 1533.11, and 1533.111 of	7
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	8
Sec. 1533.10. (A) Except as provided in this section or	9
division (A)(2) of section 1533.12 or section 1533.73 or	10
1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt any wild bird	11
or wild quadruped without a hunting license. Each day that any	12
person hunts within the state without procuring such a license	13
constitutes a separate offense.	14
(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,	15
division (A) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, or in rules	16
adopted under division (B) of that section, each applicant for a	17
hunting license shall pay an annual fee for each annual license	18
in accordance with the following schedule:	19

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А	Hunting license - resident	\$18.00	
В	Hunting license - nonresident that is not a resident of a reciprocal state, ages 18 and older	\$174.00	
С	Hunting license - nonresident that is a resident of a reciprocal state, ages 18 and older	\$18.00	
D	Apprentice hunting license - resident	\$18.00	
E	Apprentice hunting license - nonresident that is not a resident of a reciprocal state	\$174.00	
F	Apprentice hunting license - nonresident that is a resident of a reciprocal state	\$18.00	
G	Youth hunting license - resident and nonresident	\$9.00	
Н	Apprentice youth hunting license - resident	\$9.00	
I	Senior hunting license - resident	\$9.00	
J	Apprentice senior hunting license - resident	\$9.00	
	(2) Apprentice resident hunting licenses, apprentice youth		21
hunt	ing licenses, apprentice senior hunting licenses, and		22
appr	rentice nonresident hunting licenses are subject to the		23
requ	irements established under section 1533.102 of the Revised		24
Code	and rules adopted under it.		25
	(3) As used in division (B)(1) of this section:		26
	(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of		27

eighteen years at the time of application for a license.

- (b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of 29 age or older at the time of application for a license. 30
- (c) "Reciprocal state" means a state that is a party to an 31 agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. 32
- (C) A resident of this state who owns lands in the state 33 and the owner's parents, children of any age, and grandchildren 34 under eighteen years of age may hunt on the lands without a 35 hunting license. A resident of any other state who owns real 36 property in this state, and the spouse and children living with 37 the property owner, may hunt on that property without a license, 38 provided that the state of residence of the real property owner 39 allows residents of this state owning real property in that 40 state, and the spouse and children living with the property 41 owner, to hunt without a license. If the owner of land in this 42 state is a limited liability company or a limited liability 43 partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members 44 or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who 45 is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's 46 parents, children of any age, and grandchildren under eighteen 47 years of age may hunt on the land owned by the limited liability 48 company or limited liability partnership without a hunting 49 license. In addition, if the owner of land in this state is a 50 trust that has a total of three or fewer trustees and 51 beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or beneficiary and 52 who is a resident of this state and the individual's parents, 53 children of any age, and grandchildren under eighteen years of 54 age may hunt on the land owned by the trust without a hunting 55 license. The tenant and children of the tenant, residing on 56 lands in the state, may hunt on them without a hunting license. 57

(D) The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a	58
small game hunting license expiring three days from the	59
effective date of the license to a nonresident of the state, the	60
fee for which is thirty-nine dollars. No person shall take or	61
possess deer, wild turkeys, fur-bearing animals, ducks, geese,	62
brant, or any nongame animal while possessing only a small game	63
hunting license.	64

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A small game hunting license or an apprentice nonresident hunting license does not authorize the taking or possessing of ducks, geese, or brant without having obtained, in addition to the small game hunting license or the apprentice nonresident hunting license, a wetlands habitat stamp as provided in section 1533.112 of the Revised Code. A small game hunting license or an apprentice nonresident hunting license does not authorize the taking or possessing of deer, wild turkeys, or fur-bearing animals. A nonresident of the state who wishes to take or possess deer, wild turkeys, or fur-bearing animals in this state shall procure, respectively, a deer or wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the Revised Code or a fur taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of the Revised Code in addition to a nonresident hunting license, an apprentice nonresident hunting license, a special youth hunting license, or an apprentice youth hunting license, as applicable, as provided in this section.

- (E) No person shall procure or attempt to procure a hunting license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any false statement.
- (F)(1) This section does not authorize the taking and
  possessing of deer or wild turkeys without first having
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  obtained, in addition to the hunting license required by this
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section, a deer or wild turkey permit as provided in section	88	
1533.11 of the Revised Code or the taking and possessing of	89	
ducks, geese, or brant without first having obtained, in	90	
addition to the hunting license required by this section, a	91	
wetlands habitat stamp as provided in section 1533.112 of the	92	
Revised Code.	93	
(2) This section does not authorize the hunting or	94	
trapping of fur-bearing animals without first having obtained,	95	
in addition to a hunting license required by this section, a fur	96	
taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of the Revised	97	
Code.	98	
(G)(1) No hunting license shall be issued unless it is	99	
accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section	100	
1533.17 of the Revised Code and the penalty for its violation,	101	
including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that		
may be imposed.	103	
(2) No hunting license, other than an apprentice hunting	104	
license, shall be issued unless the applicant presents to the	105	
agent authorized to issue the license a previously held hunting	106	
license or evidence of having held such a license in content and	107	
manner approved by the chief, a certificate of completion issued	108	
upon completion of a hunter education and conservation course	109	
approved by the chief, or evidence of equivalent training in	110	
content and manner approved by the chief. A previously held	111	
apprentice hunting license does not satisfy the requirement	112	
concerning the presentation of a previously held hunting license	113	
or evidence of it.	114	
(3) No person shall issue a hunting license, except an	115	
apprentice hunting license, to any person who fails to present	116	

the evidence required by this section. No person shall purchase

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or obtain a hunting license, other than an apprentice hunting	118
license, without presenting to the issuing agent the evidence	119
required by this section. Issuance of a hunting license in	120
violation of the requirements of this section is an offense by	121
both the purchaser of the illegally obtained hunting license and	122
the clerk or agent who issued the hunting license. Any hunting	123
license issued in violation of this section is void.	124
(H) The chief, with approval of the wildlife council,	125
shall adopt rules prescribing a hunter education and	126
conservation course for first-time hunting license buyers, other	127
than buyers of apprentice hunting licenses, and for volunteer	128
instructors. The course shall consist of subjects including, but	129
not limited to, hunter safety and health, use of hunting	130
implements, hunting tradition and ethics, the hunter and	131
conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code	132
along with the penalty for its violation, including a	133
description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be	134
imposed, and other law relating to hunting. Authorized personnel	135
of the division or volunteer instructors approved by the chief	136
shall conduct such courses with such frequency and at such	137
locations throughout the state as to reasonably meet the needs	138
of license applicants. The chief shall issue a certificate of	139
completion to each person who successfully completes the course	140

Sec. 1533.11. (A) (1) Except as provided in this section or 142 section 1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt deer 143 on lands of another without first obtaining an annual deer 144 permit. Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt 145 wild turkeys on lands of another without first obtaining an 146 annual wild turkey permit. A deer or wild turkey permit is valid 147 during the hunting license year in which the permit is 148

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and passes an examination prescribed by the chief.

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purchased. Except as provided in rules adopted under division		149		
(B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, each applicant for a		150		
deer or wild turkey permit shall pay an annual fee for each		151		
permit in accordance with the following schedule:		152		
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A Deer permit - resident	\$30.00			
B Deer permit - nonresident	\$74.00			
C Youth deer permit - resident and nonresident	\$15.00			
D Senior deer permit - resident	\$11.00			
E Wild turkey permit - resident	\$30.00			
F Wild turkey permit - nonresident	\$37.00			
G Youth wild turkey permit - resident and nonresident	\$15.00			
H Senior wild turkey permit - resident	\$11.00			
(2) As used in division (A)(1) of this section:		154		
(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of		155		
eighteen years at the time of application for a permit.		156		
(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of		157		
age or older at the time of application for a permit.		158		
(3) The money received shall be paid into the state		159		
treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund, created in section		160		
1531.17 of the Revised Code, exclusively for the use of the		161		
division of wildlife in the acquisition and development of land				
for deer or wild turkey management, for investigating deer or		163		

wild t	urkey	problem	ns,	and	for	the	stocking,	management,	and	164
protec	tion c	of deer	or	wild	tur	ckey.				165

(4) Every person, while hunting deer or wild turkey on 166 lands of another, shall carry the person's deer or wild turkey 167 permit and exhibit it to any enforcement officer so requesting. 168 Failure to so carry and exhibit such a permit constitutes an 169 offense under this section. 170

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- (5) The chief of the division of wildlife shall adopt any additional rules the chief considers necessary to carry out this section and section 1533.10 of the Revised Code.
- (6) An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner 174 who is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 175 1533.10 of the Revised Code and the parents, children, and 176 grandchildren of the owner of lands in this state may hunt deer 177 or wild turkey thereon without a deer or wild turkey permit. If 178 the owner of land in this state is a limited liability company 179 or a limited liability partnership that consists of three or 180 fewer individual members or partners, as applicable, an 181 individual member or partner who is a resident of this state and 182 the member's or partner's parents, children of any age, and 183 grandchildren may hunt deer or wild turkey on the land owned by 184 the limited liability company or limited liability partnership 185 without a deer or wild turkey permit. In addition, if the owner 186 of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or 187 fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee 188 or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the 189 individual's parents, children<del>of any age</del>, and grandchildren 190 may hunt deer or wild turkey on the land owned by the trust 191 without a deer or wild turkey permit. The tenant and children of 192 the tenant may hunt deer or wild turkey on lands where they 193

B Apprentice fur taker permit	\$14.00	
A Fur taker permit	\$14.00	
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accordance with the following schedule:		216
permit shall pay an annual fee for each annual permit in		215
applicant for a fur taker permit or an apprentice fur taker		214
division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, each		213
(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in rules adopted under		212
without first obtaining some type of an annual fur taker permit.		211
person shall hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on land of another		210
division (A)(2) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, no		209
Sec. 1533.111. (A) Except as provided in this section or		208
information electronically via that system.		207
owner's name or address for purposes of submitting that		206
the children of the owner of lands in this state to use the		205
turkey that are taken, the division shall allow the owner and		204
electronic submission of information regarding deer or wild		203
(D) If the division establishes a system for the		202
the fund shall be used to make refunds of such application fees.		201
application fees for deer permits that are not issued. Money in		200
state treasury. The fund shall consist of money received from		199
(C) The wildlife refunds fund is hereby created in the		198
name of another person.		197
person shall carry a deer or wild turkey permit issued in the		196
(B) A deer or wild turkey permit is not transferable. No		195
reside without a deer or wild turkey permit.		194

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hunting license or trapping or fur taker permit or evidence of	240
having held such a license or permit in content and manner	241
approved by the chief of the division of wildlife, a certificate	242
of completion issued upon completion of a trapper education	243
course approved by the chief, or evidence of equivalent training	244
in content and manner approved by the chief. A previously held	245
apprentice hunting license, apprentice fur taker permit, or	246
apprentice youth fur taker permit does not satisfy the	247
requirement concerning the presentation of a previously held	248
hunting license or fur taker permit or evidence of such a	249
license or permit.	250

- (3) No person shall issue a fur taker permit, other than 251 an apprentice fur taker permit or an apprentice youth fur taker 252 permit, to any person who fails to present the evidence required 253 by this section. No person shall purchase or obtain a fur taker 254 permit, other than an apprentice fur taker permit or an 255 apprentice youth fur taker permit, without presenting to the 256 issuing agent the evidence required by this section. Issuance of 257 a fur taker permit in violation of the requirements of this 258 section is an offense by both the purchaser of the illegally 259 260 obtained permit and the clerk or agent who issued the permit. Any fur taker permit issued in violation of this section is 261 void. 262
- (E) The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, 263 shall adopt rules prescribing a trapper education course for 264 first-time fur taker permit buyers, other than buyers of 265 apprentice fur taker permits or apprentice youth fur taker 266 permits, and for volunteer instructors. The course shall consist 267 of subjects that include, but are not limited to, trapping 268 techniques, animal habits and identification, trapping tradition 269 and ethics, the trapper and conservation, the law in section 270

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1533.17 of the Revised Code along with the penalty for its	271
violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment and	272
fines that may be imposed, and other law relating to trapping.	273
Authorized personnel of the division of wildlife or volunteer	274
instructors approved by the chief shall conduct the courses with	275
such frequency and at such locations throughout the state as to	276
reasonably meet the needs of permit applicants. The chief shall	277
issue a certificate of completion to each person who	278
successfully completes the course and passes an examination	279
prescribed by the chief.	280

- (F) Every person, while hunting or trapping fur-bearing 281 animals on lands of another, shall carry the person's fur taker 282 permit with the person's signature written on the permit. 283 Failure to carry such a signed permit constitutes an offense 284 under this section. The chief shall adopt any additional rules 285 the chief considers necessary to carry out this section. 286
- (G) An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner 287 who is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 288 1533.10 of the Revised Code and the parents, children of any 289 age, and grandchildren under eighteen years of age of the owner 290 of lands in this state may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals 291 thereon without a fur taker permit. If the owner of land in this 292 state is a limited liability company or a limited liability 293 partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members 294 or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who 295 is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's 296 parents, children of any age, and grandchildren under eighteen 297 years of age may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on the land 298 owned by the limited liability company or limited liability 299 partnership without a fur taker permit. In addition, if the 300 owner of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three 301

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or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a	302
trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and	303
the individual's parents, children of any age, and grandchildren	304
under eighteen years of age may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals	305
on the land owned by the trust without a fur taker permit. The	306
tenant and children of the tenant may hunt or trap fur-bearing	307
animals on lands where they reside without a fur taker permit.	308
(H) A fur taker permit is not transferable. No person	309
shall carry a fur taker permit issued in the name of another	310
person.	311
(I) A fur taker permit entitles a nonresident to take from	312
this state fur-bearing animals taken and possessed by the	313
nonresident as provided by law or division rule.	314
Section 2. That existing sections 1533.10, 1533.11, and	315
1533.111 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	316