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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