

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 287

Approved by the Governor February 19, 2020

Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to game and parks; to amend sections 37-317, 37-407, 37-409, 37-415, 37-426, 37-438, 37-447, 37-449, 37-450, 37-4,111, 37-527, 37-1215, and 37-1219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-201, 37-202, and 37-1214, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019; to define terms; to provide and change powers of the Game and Parks Commission relating to dissemination of promotional materials, reduced-rate permits and stamps, and replacement permit fees; to change provisions relating to lifetime, multiple-year, and annual permits, stamps, and fees; to change annual and temporary motor vehicle permit fee provisions; to provide for resident and nonresident fees for preference points or bonus points in lieu of applying for certain permits or entering certain random drawings; to provide for rules and regulations relating to hunter orange; to change motorboat registration fees as prescribed; to change and eliminate provisions relating to fees for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 37-201, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is amended to read:

37-201 Sections 37-201 to 37-811 and 37-1501 to 37-1510 and sections 3 and 4 of this act and the State Park System Construction Alternatives Act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

Sec. 2. Section 37-202, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is amended to read:

37-202 For purposes of the Game Law, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 37-203 to 37-247.01 and sections 3 and 4 of this act are used.

Sec. 3. Bonus point means a point or points accrued by an applicant for preference in a random permit drawing in which the number of points determines the number of entries in the permit drawing.

Sec. 4. Preference point means a point or points accrued by an applicant for preference in a structured random permit drawing in which the draw is structured by the number of preference points and the applicants with the most points are drawn first.

Sec. 5. Section 37-317, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-317 The commission may disseminate information and promotional materials regarding ~~on~~ the state park system and the wildlife resources of the state in order ~~so as~~ to inform the public of the outdoor recreation opportunities to be found in Nebraska.

Sec. 6. Section 37-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-407 (1) The commission may offer multiple-year permits or combinations of permits at reduced rates and may establish fees pursuant to section 37-327 to be paid to the state for resident and nonresident annual hunting permits, annual fishing permits, three-day fishing permits, one-day fishing permits, combination hunting and fishing permits, fur-harvesting permits, and nonresident two-day hunting permits issued for periods of two consecutive days, as provided in this section.

(2) The fee for a multiple-year permit shall be established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327 and shall not be more than the number of years the permit will be valid times the fee required for an annual permit as provided in subsection (3) or (4) of this section. Payment for a multiple-year permit shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement multiple-year permit may be issued under section 37-409 if the original is lost or destroyed.

(3) Resident fees shall be (a) not more than eighteen dollars for an annual hunting permit, (b) not more than twenty-four dollars for an annual fishing permit, (c) not more than fifteen dollars for a three-day fishing permit, (d) not more than nine dollars for a one-day fishing permit, (e) not more than thirty-nine dollars for an annual fishing and hunting permit, and (f) not more than twenty dollars for an annual fur-harvesting permit.

(4) Nonresident fees shall be (a) not more than two hundred sixty dollars for a period of time specified by the commission for fur harvesting one thousand or less fur-bearing animals and not more than seventeen dollars and fifty cents additional for each one hundred or part of one hundred fur-bearing animals harvested, (b)(i) for persons sixteen years of age and older, not more than one hundred six dollars for an annual hunting permit and (ii) for persons under sixteen years of age, not less than the fee required pursuant to subdivision (3)(a) of this section for an annual hunting permit, (c) not more than seventy-three dollars for a two-day hunting permit plus the cost of a habitat stamp, (d) not more than twelve dollars for a one-day fishing permit, (e) not more than twenty-two dollars for a three-day fishing permit, (f) not

more than sixty-six dollars for an annual fishing permit, and (g)(i) for persons sixteen years of age and older, not more than one hundred fifty-nine dollars for an annual fishing and hunting permit and (ii) for persons under sixteen years of age, not less than the fee required pursuant to subdivision (3)(e) of this section for an annual fishing and hunting permit.

(5) The commission may offer permits or combinations of permits at temporarily reduced rates for specific events or during specified timeframes.

Sec. 7. Section 37-409, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-409 The commission may issue a replacement permit for hunting, fishing, both hunting and fishing, or fur harvesting or for such other permits as may be issued by the commission to any person who has lost his or her original permit upon receipt from such person of satisfactory proof of purchase and an affidavit of loss of such original permit. The commission shall prescribe the procedures for applying for a replacement permit and may authorize electronic issuance. The commission may also designate agents to issue replacement permits pursuant to section 37-406. A fee of ~~not less than one dollar and fifty cents and not more than five dollars~~, as established by the commission, shall be charged for the issuance of each replacement permit, except that no such fee shall be charged for replacement of any permits exempt from the payment of fees, lifetime permits, or permits issued under section 37-421 or 37-421.01.

Sec. 8. Section 37-415, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-415 (1) The commission may issue to any Nebraska resident a lifetime fur-harvesting, fishing, hunting, or combination hunting and fishing permit upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a resident lifetime fur-harvesting permit shall be not more than two hundred ninety-nine dollars, the fee for a resident lifetime hunting permit shall be not more than three hundred ninety-six dollars, the fee for a resident lifetime fishing permit shall be not more than four hundred fifty-seven dollars plus the cost of a lifetime aquatic habitat stamp, and the fee for a resident lifetime combination hunting and fishing permit shall be not more than seven hundred ninety-two dollars plus the cost of a lifetime aquatic habitat stamp, as such fees are established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327. Payment of the fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application.

(2) A resident lifetime permit shall not be made invalid by reason of the holder subsequently residing outside the state.

(3) The commission may issue to any nonresident a lifetime fishing, hunting, or combination hunting and fishing permit upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a nonresident lifetime hunting permit shall be not more than one thousand five hundred sixty-two dollars, the fee for a nonresident lifetime fishing permit shall be not more than one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars plus the cost of a lifetime aquatic habitat stamp, and the fee for a nonresident lifetime combination hunting and fishing permit shall be not more than two thousand three hundred forty-two dollars plus the cost of a lifetime aquatic habitat stamp, as such fees are established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327. Payment of the fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application.

(4) A replacement resident or nonresident lifetime permit may be issued if the original has been lost or destroyed for no additional fee. This subsection applies only to a paper permit and not a commemorative brass plate permit. The fee for a replacement shall be not more than five dollars, as established by the commission.

(5) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and sections 37-416 and 37-417. Such rules and regulations may include, but need not be limited to, establishing fees which vary based on the age of the applicant.

Sec. 9. Section 37-426, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-426 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section:

(a) No resident of Nebraska sixteen years of age or older and no nonresident of Nebraska regardless of age shall hunt, harvest, or possess any game bird, upland game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal unless, at the time of such hunting, harvesting, or possessing, such person has an unexpired habitat stamp as prescribed by the rules and regulations of the commission prior to the time of hunting, harvesting, or possessing such bird or animal;

(b) No resident or nonresident of Nebraska shall take or possess any aquatic organism requiring a Nebraska fishing permit, including any fish, bullfrog, snapping turtle, tiger salamander, or mussel, unless, at the time of such taking or possessing, such person has an unexpired aquatic habitat stamp as prescribed by the rules and regulations of the commission prior to the time of taking or possessing a fish, bullfrog, snapping turtle, tiger salamander, or mussel; and

(c) No resident of Nebraska sixteen years of age or older and no nonresident of Nebraska regardless of age shall hunt, harvest, or possess any migratory waterfowl unless, at the time of such hunting, harvesting, or possessing, such person has an unexpired Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp as prescribed by the rules and regulations of the commission prior to the time of hunting, harvesting, or possessing such migratory waterfowl.

(2) The commission may issue a lifetime habitat stamp, lifetime Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp, or lifetime aquatic habitat stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a lifetime stamp shall be not more than twenty times the fee required in subsection (5) of this section for

an annual habitat stamp, annual Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp, or annual aquatic habitat stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement lifetime stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed at no additional fee. This subsection applies only to a paper permit and not a commemorative brass plate permit.

(3) The commission may issue a multiple-year habitat stamp, multiple-year Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp, or multiple-year aquatic habitat stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for such multiple-year stamps shall be established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327 and shall not be more than the number of years the stamp is valid times the fee required in subsection (5) of this section for an annual habitat stamp, annual Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp, or annual aquatic habitat stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement multiple-year stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed at no additional fee.

~~(2)(a) The commission may issue a lifetime habitat stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a lifetime habitat stamp shall be twenty times the fee required in subsection (5) of this section for an annual habitat stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement lifetime habitat stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed. The fee for a replacement shall be not more than five dollars, as established by the commission.~~

~~(b) The commission may issue a lifetime Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a lifetime Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp shall be twenty times the fee required in subsection (5) of this section for an annual Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement Nebraska lifetime migratory waterfowl stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed. The fee for a replacement shall be not more than five dollars, as established by the commission.~~

~~(c) The commission may issue a lifetime aquatic habitat stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a lifetime aquatic habitat stamp shall be twenty times the fee required in subdivision (5)(c) of this section for an annual aquatic habitat stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement lifetime aquatic habitat stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed. The fee for a replacement shall be not more than five dollars, as established by the commission.~~

~~(3)(a) The commission may issue a multiple-year habitat stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a multiple-year habitat stamp shall be established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327 and shall not be more than the number of years the stamp is valid times the fee required in subsection (5) of this section for an annual habitat stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement multiple-year habitat stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed.~~

~~(b) The commission may issue a multiple-year Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a multiple-year Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp shall be established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327 and shall not be more than the number of years the stamp is valid times the fee required in subsection (5) of this section for an annual Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement Nebraska multiple-year migratory waterfowl stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed.~~

~~(c) The commission may issue a multiple-year aquatic habitat stamp upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for a multiple-year aquatic habitat stamp shall be established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327 and shall not be more than the number of years the stamp is valid times the fee required in subsection (5) of this section for an annual aquatic habitat stamp. Payment of such fee shall be made in a lump sum at the time of application. A replacement multiple-year aquatic habitat stamp may be issued if the original is lost or destroyed.~~

(4) Habitat stamps are not required for holders of limited permits issued under section 37-455. Aquatic habitat stamps are not required (a) when a fishing permit is not required, (b) for holders of permits pursuant to section 37-424, or (c) for holders of lifetime fishing permits or lifetime combination hunting and fishing permits purchased prior to January 1, 2006. Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamps are not required for hunting, harvesting, or possessing any species other than ducks, geese, or brant. For purposes of this section, a showing of proof of the electronic issuance of a stamp by the commission shall fulfill the requirements of this section.

(5)(a) Any person to whom a stamp has been issued shall, immediately upon request, exhibit evidence of issuance of the stamp to any officer. Any person hunting, fishing, harvesting, or possessing any game bird, upland game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal or any aquatic organism requiring a fishing permit in this state without evidence of issuance of the appropriate stamp shall be deemed to be without such stamp.

(b) An annual habitat stamp shall be issued upon the payment of a fee of not more than twenty-five dollars per stamp. A multiple-year habitat stamp shall be issued in conjunction with a multiple-year hunting permit or a multiple-year combination hunting and fishing permit at a fee of not more than twenty-five dollars times the number of years the multiple-year permit is

valid.

(c) An aquatic habitat stamp shall be issued in conjunction with each fishing permit for a fee of not more than fifteen dollars per stamp for annual fishing permits, three-day fishing permits, or combination hunting and fishing permits, a fee of not more than fifteen dollars times the number of years the multiple-year fishing permit or a multiple-year combination hunting and fishing permit is valid, and a fee of not more than twenty times the fee required for an annual aquatic habitat stamp for lifetime fishing or combination hunting and fishing permits. The fee established under section 37-407 for a one-day fishing permit shall include an aquatic habitat stamp. One dollar from the sale of each one-day fishing permit shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Aquatic Habitat Fund.

(d) An annual Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp shall be issued upon the payment of a fee of ~~not less than ten dollars~~ and not more than sixteen dollars per stamp. A multiple-year Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp may only be issued in conjunction with a multiple-year hunting permit or a multiple-year combination hunting and fishing permit at a fee of not more than the annual fee times the number of years the multiple-year permit is valid.

(e) The commission shall establish the fees pursuant to section 37-327.

(6) The commission may offer stamps or combinations of stamps at temporarily reduced rates for specific events or during specified timeframes in conjunction with other permit sales.

Sec. 10. Section 37-438, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-438 (1) The commission shall devise permits in two forms: Annual and temporary.

(2) The annual permit may be purchased by any person and shall be valid through December 31 in the year for which the permit is issued. The fee for the annual permit for a resident motor vehicle shall be ~~not less than thirty dollars~~ and not more than thirty-five dollars per permit. The fee for the annual permit for a nonresident motor vehicle shall not be less than the fee for a resident motor vehicle and not more than fifty-five ~~forty-five~~ dollars. The commission shall establish such fees by the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations.

(3) A temporary permit may be purchased by any person and shall be valid until noon of the day following the date of issue. The fee for the temporary permit for a resident motor vehicle shall be ~~not less than six dollars~~ and not more than seven dollars. The fee for the temporary permit for a nonresident motor vehicle shall ~~not be less than the fee for a resident motor vehicle~~ and not more than ten ~~eight~~ dollars. The commission shall establish such fees by the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations. The commission may issue temporary permits which are either valid for any area or valid for a single area.

(4) The commission may offer permits or combinations of permits at temporarily reduced rates for specific events or during specified timeframes.

Sec. 11. Section 37-447, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-447 (1) The commission may issue permits for the hunting of deer and adopt and promulgate rules and regulations and pass commission orders pursuant to section 37-314 to prescribe limitations for the hunting, transportation, and possession of deer. The commission may offer ~~multiple-year~~ permits or combinations of permits at temporarily reduced rates for specific events or during specified timeframes. The commission may specify by rule and regulation the information to be required on applications for such permits. Rules and regulations for the hunting, transportation, and possession of deer may include, but not be limited to, rules and regulations as to the type, caliber, and other specifications of firearms and ammunition used and specifications for bows and arrows used. Such rules and regulations may further specify and limit the method of hunting deer and may provide for dividing the state into management units or areas, and the commission may enact different deer hunting regulations for the different management units pertaining to sex, species, and age of the deer hunted.

(2) The number of such permits may be limited as provided by the rules and regulations of the commission, and except as provided in section 37-454, the permits shall be allocated in an impartial manner. Whenever the commission deems it advisable to limit the number of permits issued for any or all management units, the commission shall, by rules and regulations, determine eligibility to obtain such permits. In establishing eligibility, the commission may give preference to persons who did not receive a permit or a specified type of permit during the previous year or years.

(3) Such permits may be issued to allow deer hunting in the Nebraska National Forest and other game reserves and such other areas as the commission may designate whenever the commission deems that permitting such hunting will not be detrimental to the proper preservation of wildlife in Nebraska in such forest, reserves, or areas.

(4)(a) The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a nonrefundable application fee of not more than seven dollars for deer permits in those management units awarded on the basis of a random drawing. The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of not more than thirty-nine dollars for residents and not more than two hundred eighty-four dollars for nonresidents for each permit issued under this section except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection and subsection (6) of this section. The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327,

establish and charge a fee of not more than twenty-four dollars for residents and not more than seventy-two dollars for nonresidents for the issuance of a preference point, in addition to any application fee, in lieu of entering the draw for a deer permit during the application period for the random drawing.

(b) The fee for a statewide buck-only permit limited to white-tailed deer shall be no more than two and one-half times the amount of a regular deer permit. The fee for a statewide buck-only deer permit that allows harvest of mule deer shall be no more than five times the amount of a regular deer permit.

(5)(a) The commission may issue nonresident permits after preference has been given for the issuance of resident permits as provided in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission.

(b) In management units specified by the commission, the commission may issue nonresident permits after resident preference has been provided by allocating at least eighty-five percent of the available permits to residents. The commission may require a predetermined application period for permit applications in specified management units. Such permits shall be issued after a reasonable period for making application, as established by the commission, has expired. When more valid applications are received for a designated management unit than there are permits available, such permits shall be allocated on the basis of a random drawing. All valid applications received during the predetermined application period shall be considered equally in any such random drawing without regard to time of receipt of such applications by the commission.

(6) The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of not more than twenty-five dollars for residents and not more than forty-five dollars for nonresidents for a youth deer permit.

(7) Any person violating the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated or commission orders passed pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor and shall be fined at least one hundred dollars upon conviction.

Sec. 12. Section 37-449, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-449 (1) The commission may issue permits for hunting antelope and may adopt and promulgate separate and, when necessary, different rules and regulations therefor within the limitations prescribed in sections 37-447 and 37-452 for hunting deer. The commission may offer ~~multiple-year~~ permits or combinations of permits at reduced rates for specific events or during specified timeframes.

(2) The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a nonrefundable application fee of not more than seven dollars for antelope permits in those management units awarded on the basis of a random drawing. The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of not more than thirty-nine dollars for residents and not more than one hundred ninety-eight dollars for nonresidents for each permit issued under this section except as provided in subsection (4) of this section. The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of not more than twenty-four dollars for residents and not more than seventy-two dollars for nonresidents for the issuance of a preference point, in addition to any application fee, in lieu of entering the draw for an antelope permit during the application period for the random drawing.

(3) The provisions for the distribution of deer permits and the authority of the commission to determine eligibility of applicants for permits as described in sections 37-447 and 37-452 shall also apply to the distribution of antelope permits.

(4) The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of not more than twenty-five dollars for residents and not more than forty-five dollars for nonresidents for a youth antelope permit.

(5) Any person violating the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor and shall be fined at least one hundred dollars upon conviction.

Sec. 13. Section 37-450, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-450 (1) The commission may issue permits for hunting elk and may adopt and promulgate separate and, when necessary, different rules and regulations therefor within the limitations prescribed in sections 37-447 and 37-452 for hunting deer.

(2) The commission shall, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge (a) a nonrefundable application fee of not more than twelve dollars for a resident elk permit and not to exceed three times such amount for a nonresident elk permit and (b) a fee of not more than one hundred ninety-eight dollars for each resident elk permit issued and three times such amount for each nonresident elk permit issued. The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of not more than twenty-four dollars for residents and not more than seventy-two dollars for nonresidents for the issuance of a preference point or a bonus point, in addition to any application fee, in lieu of entering the draw for an elk permit during the application period for the random drawing.

(3) An applicant shall not be issued a resident elk permit that allows the harvest of an antlered elk more than once every five years. A person may only harvest one antlered elk in his or her lifetime except when harvesting an antlered elk with a limited permit to hunt elk pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of section 37-455 or an auction or lottery permit pursuant to section 37-455.01.

(4) The provisions for the distribution of deer permits and the authority

of the commission to determine eligibility of applicants for permits as described in sections 37-447 and 37-452 shall also apply to the distribution of elk permits.

(5) Any person violating the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor and shall be fined at least two hundred dollars upon conviction.

Sec. 14. Section 37-4,111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-4,111 The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to provide for the issuance of permits for the taking of paddlefish. The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of not more than thirty-five dollars for residents. The fee for a nonresident permit to take paddlefish shall be two times the resident permit fee. In addition, the commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a nonrefundable application fee of not more than seven dollars. The commission may, pursuant to section 37-327, establish and charge a fee of not more than twenty-four dollars for residents and not more than seventy-two dollars for nonresidents for the issuance of a preference point, in addition to any application fee, in lieu of applying for a paddlefish permit during the application period. All fees collected under this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the State Game Fund.

Sec. 15. Section 37-527, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-527 (1) For purposes of this section, hunter orange means a daylight fluorescent orange color with a dominant wave length between five hundred ninety-five and six hundred five nanometers, an excitation purity of not less than eighty-five percent, and a luminance factor of not less than forty percent.

(2) Any person hunting deer, antelope, wild turkey, elk, or mountain sheep during an authorized firearm season in this state shall display on his or her head, chest, and back a total of not less than four hundred square inches of hunter orange material except as exempted by rules and regulations of the commission.

(3) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

(4) This section shall not apply to archery hunters hunting during a non-center-fire firearm season or in a management unit where a current center-fire firearm season is not open. The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations allowing additional exceptions and establishing requirements for the display of hunter orange during other authorized hunting seasons.

Sec. 16. Section 37-1214, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is amended to read:

37-1214 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 37-1211, the owner of each motorboat shall register such vessel or renew the registration every three years as provided in section 37-1226. The owner of such vessel shall file an initial application for a certificate of number pursuant to section 37-1216 with a county treasurer on forms approved and provided by the commission. The application shall be signed by the owner of the vessel, shall contain the year manufactured, and shall be accompanied by a registration fee for the three-year period of ~~twenty-eight not less than twenty dollars and not more than twenty-three dollars for Class 1 boats, fifty-one not less than forty dollars and not more than forty-six dollars for Class 2 boats, seventy-two not less than sixty dollars and not more than sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents for Class 3 boats, and not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one hundred~~ twenty fifteen dollars for Class 4 boats, as established by the commission pursuant to section 37-327. ~~Of each motorboat registration fee, The owner of the motorboat shall also pay a fee established pursuant to section 37-327 of not less than five dollars and not more than ten dollars~~ may be used for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program at the time of registration or renewal.

(2) The owner of a motorboat not registered in Nebraska shall purchase an aquatic invasive species stamp for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program valid for one calendar year prior to launching into any waters of the state. The cost of such one-year stamp shall be established pursuant to section 37-327 and be not less than ten dollars and not more than fifteen dollars plus an issuance fee pursuant to section 37-406. Such one-year stamp may be purchased electronically or through any vendor authorized by the commission to sell other permits and stamps issued under the Game Law pursuant to section 37-406. The aquatic invasive species stamp shall be permanently affixed on the starboard and rearward side of the vessel. The proceeds from the sale of stamps shall be remitted to the State Game Fund.

(3) This subsection applies beginning on an implementation date designated by the Director of Motor Vehicles in cooperation with the commission. The director shall designate an implementation date on or before January 1, 2021, for motorboat registration. In addition to the information required under subsection (1) of this section, the application for registration shall contain (a)(i) the full legal name as defined in section 60-468.01 of each owner or (ii) the name of each owner as such name appears on the owner's motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card and (b)(i) the motor vehicle operator's license number or state identification card number of each owner, if applicable, and one or more of the identification elements as listed in section 60-484 of each owner, if applicable, and (ii) if any owner is a business entity, a nonprofit organization, an estate, a trust, or a church-controlled organization, its tax identification number.

Sec. 17. Section 37-1215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-1215 In the event an application is made after the beginning of any registration period for registration of any vessel not previously registered by the applicant in this state, the registration fee on such vessel shall be reduced by one thirty-sixth for each full month of the registration period already expired as of the date such vessel was acquired. ~~The fee for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program shall not be so reduced.~~ The county treasurer shall compute the registration fee on forms and pursuant to rules of the commission.

Sec. 18. Section 37-1219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-1219 All registration fees and ~~fees for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program~~ received by the county treasurers shall be remitted on or before the thirtieth day of the following month to the secretary of the commission. All remittances shall be upon a form to be furnished by the commission and a duplicate copy shall be retained by the county treasurer.

Sec. 19. Original sections 37-317, 37-407, 37-409, 37-415, 37-426, 37-438, 37-447, 37-449, 37-450, 37-4,111, 37-527, 37-1215, and 37-1219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-201, 37-202, and 37-1214, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, are repealed.