

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1299

Introduced by: Representatives Rounds and Hackl and Senators Napoli and Greenfield

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize the issuance of lifetime hunting and fishing  
2 licenses.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 41-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 The Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall provide for the issuance of a lifetime hunting  
7 and fishing license to any resident of South Dakota who meets the qualifications set forth in this  
8 Act. The lifetime hunting and fishing license allows the holder of the license the same rights and  
9 privileges as provided by a South Dakota resident fishing license and a South Dakota resident  
10 small game hunting license. No lifetime hunting and fishing license is valid after the calendar  
11 year during which it was issued unless the holder renews the license for the calendar year during  
12 which it will be used. The lifetime hunting and fishing license may not be used as proof of  
13 residency for other licenses issued by the department. Any person is eligible to receive a lifetime  
14 hunting and fishing license if:

- 15 (1) The person is at least eighteen years of age;
- 16 (2) The person is a South Dakota resident; and



1 (3) The person was issued a South Dakota resident fishing license, a South Dakota  
2 resident small game hunting license, or a combination of these during the previous  
3 two calendar years.

4 Section 2. That chapter 41-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 The lifetime hunting and fishing license may be issued or renewed directly by the  
7 Department of Game, Fish and Parks, including issuance or renewal of the license via electronic  
8 means, or by a license agent. No fee may be charged by the department for the renewal of a  
9 license. However, if the license is renewed by a license agent, the agent may charge a renewal  
10 fee not to exceed two dollars. Fees for the issuance of a lifetime hunting and fishing license are  
11 based on the age of the applicant at the time of issuance as follows:

- 12 (1) Eighteen to twenty-four years of age, inclusive: one thousand dollars;
- 13 (2) Twenty-five to twenty-nine years of age, inclusive: nine hundred dollars;
- 14 (3) Thirty to thirty-nine years of age, inclusive: eight hundred dollars;
- 15 (4) Forty to forty-nine years of age, inclusive: seven hundred dollars;
- 16 (5) Fifty to fifty-nine years of age, inclusive: six hundred dollars;
- 17 (6) Sixty to sixty-five years of age, inclusive: five hundred dollars;
- 18 (7) Sixty-six to sixty-nine years of age, inclusive: four hundred dollars;
- 19 (8) Seventy years of age and older: two hundred dollars.

20 Money generated by the fee for the issuance of each lifetime hunting and fishing license  
21 shall be deposited in the Department of Game, Fish and Parks fund.

22 Section 3. That chapter 41-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
23 follows:

24 The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26

1 pertaining to lifetime hunting and fishing licenses as provided in this section. The rules shall  
2 specify license application and renewal procedures and requirements, requirements governing  
3 the use of the licenses, procedures for the collection of fees, and procedures and criteria for the  
4 suspension or revocation of licenses.

5 Section 4. The effective date of this Act is January 1, 2008.