

**SENATE, No. 3263**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Increases fee charged for New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/28/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp and  
2 amending P.L.1983, c.504.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.504 (C.23:3-77) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 3. The New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp shall be procured from the  
10 Division of Fish **[, Game]** and Wildlife, or from other designated  
11 agents deemed qualified by the Division of Fish **[, Game]** and  
12 Wildlife. The annual fee for the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp shall  
13 be **[\$10.00]** \$15 for persons without a valid New Jersey resident's  
14 firearm hunting or bow and arrow license, and **[\$5.00]** \$10 for  
15 persons possessing a valid New Jersey resident's firearm hunting or  
16 bow and arrow license. A New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp shall not  
17 be valid unless it is in the possession of the licensee and contains  
18 the signature of the licensee written in ink across the face of the  
19 stamp. All New Jersey Waterfowl Stamps shall expire on June 30  
20 of each year, unless otherwise prescribed in the State Fish and  
21 Game Code.

22 Any person may procure the **[\$5.00]** \$10 and **[\$10.00]** \$15 New  
23 Jersey Waterfowl Stamps at their face value for collection purposes  
24 only.

25 (cf: P.L.1996, c.43, s.1)

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill would increase, by five dollars, the fee charged for a  
33 New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp, which authorizes a person to hunt  
34 waterfowl in the State. Under current law, the fee for the stamp is  
35 \$5 for a person with a valid resident's firearm or bow and arrow  
36 hunting license, and \$10 for a person without such a license. Under  
37 this bill, the fees would increase to \$10 and \$15, respectively.  
38 Moneys raised by these fees are statutorily required to be used by  
39 the Department of Environmental Protection for the acquisition,  
40 protection, maintenance, improvement, and enhancement of  
41 waterfowl habitat and associated wetlands in the State. However,  
42 the fees for the stamp have not increased since 1996, and inflation  
43 and rising property values have reduced the efficacy of the moneys  
44 raised by the fees.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.