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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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An act to raise the non-resident white-tail deer hunting license In Kentucky

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The non-resident White-Tail Deer hunting license in the state of Kentucky is \$120. The average number of out of state, (non-resident) hunters is 16,000. As a result, the revenue brought in by the non-resident licenses sold in 2013 was \$1,920,000. After the white-tail hunting season of 2013, Kentucky was ranked first in trophy sized deer per square mile.

Section 2: This bill proposes the non-resident license increase from \$120 to \$200. This would increase the revenue from \$1,920,000 to \$3,200,000. Each out of state hunter typically purchases goods and services in the Commonwealth such as lodging, food, gasoline, outfitters, and many other essentials. The average amount spent on these goods and services is \$2,570 per hunter. The total revenue generated in our state each year by non-resident hunters is approximately \$41,700,000.

Section 3: With Kentucky obtaining the number one national white-tail deer ranking, these numbers will surely increase. The revenue generated from the increase in nonresident licensing would go to the rehabilitation and habitat improvement of former surface mined areas, abandoned industrial sites, areas that have been deforested from logging operations, and anywhere natural habitat has seemingly been altered from its natural state. This bill would allow the additional money to be spent on the conservation of wildlife and natural habitats; therefore, preserving our beautiful Commonwealth for future generations to enjoy.

Section 4: This bill would take into effect on September 1, 2015.