AN ACT concerning the department of wildlife, parks and tourism; relation to hunting; outfitters and guides.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Department" means the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism.

(2) "Guide" means a person who provides direct service to individuals hunting in the field. A "guide" may offer or provide hunting guide services for monetary compensation or be retained by an outfitter for monetary compensation.

(3) "Landowner" means the owner of 80 acres or more land located in the state of Kansas.

(4) "Outfitter" means an owner and operator of a hunting guide business who provides individuals guided, semi-guided or unguided hunting opportunities for game animals or game birds, as defined in K.S.A. 32-701, and amendments thereto, or migratory birds, as defined in K.S.A. 32-1008, and amendments thereto, in the state of Kansas for monetary compensation.

(5) "Secretary" means the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3), any person who desires to provide guide services or outfitter services in this state shall annually register with the department. Such registration shall include an annual registration fee of $100.

(2) The department shall issue a unique registration number to each guide and outfitter registered in this state. Each guide and outfitter shall provide their unique registration number to anyone upon request.

(3) A landowner providing guide services or outfitter services exclusively on land owned by such landowner shall be exempt from the registration requirements of this section.

(c) The department shall maintain a list of registered guides and registered outfitters on its website. For each registered guide, the list shall include the individual name of such guide; the name of the hunting guide business, if such guide is retained by an outfitter; and the unique registration number of such guide. For each registered outfitter, the list shall include the individual name of the outfitter, the hunting guide business, and the unique registration number of such outfitter.
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(d) The secretary shall fine any person providing guide services or outfitter services who fails to register as provided in this section $1,000.

(e) (1) All moneys collected under this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the conservation officer fund.

(2) There is hereby established in the state treasury the conservation officer fund which shall be administered by the secretary. All expenditures from such fund shall be used to maintain the list required by subsection (c) and to provide compensation, training and equipment for conservation officers and deputy conservation officers employed by the secretary. All expenditures from the conservation officer fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or the designee of the secretary.

(f) The secretary is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.