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Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources**

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Alexander B. Grannis
Commissioner

Dear License Buyer:

You may have heard about the newly adopted legislation which will increase sporting license fees and raise the qualifying age for senior licenses from 65 to 70 years of age. The new prices and age change will go into effect with the sale of 2009/2010 licenses on August 17, 2009. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to invest in a Lifetime License now.

The cost of a current Lifetime Senior Fishing or Lifetime Senior Sportsman is one-time charge of \$50.00. You can purchase one now even if you are holding a current year annual license. A Lifetime Senior Fishing license requires only that you be a NYS resident. If you want to purchase a Lifetime Senior Sportsman license, you will need sportsman education proof, such as a Sportsman Education Certificate or an old hunting license, as well as being a NYS resident.

There are many benefits to investing in a Lifetime License. With the purchase of a Lifetime Fishing or Lifetime Sportsman License, you will receive a permanent Lifetime ID card and you will receive your annual Fishing and/or Hunting & Trapping Regulations guides in the mail. Additionally, with the purchase of a Lifetime Sportsman, your back tag and carcass tags will be mailed to you annually, including free turkey permits, and the Deer Management Permit application fee is waived (annual license holders will now have to pay \$10, as will Lifetime Sportsman who purchase after 10/1/2009). The new increased prices for equivalent **annual** licenses are listed below.

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| Fishing: | \$29.00 |
| Sportsman: | \$47.00 |
| Turkey: | \$10.00 |
| DMP application: | \$10.00 |

After October 1 the cost of a Lifetime Senior Fishing or Lifetime Senior Sportsman will be \$65 and you will have to be 70+ years of age to purchase.

Now is the time to purchase a Lifetime License. You may take advantage of this opportunity at any License Issuing Office throughout NYS, as an existing DECALS customer, you may call our toll-free number at 1-866-933-2257 or visit us on-line at www.dec.gov

Sincerely,

Donna Dyer
License Sales Supervisor