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Conservation and Natural
Resources - Licenses and
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Under Act 82-407, as amended,
the Commissioner of Conservation
with the consent of the Advisory
Board has authority to enter
reciprocal agreements on hunting
license fees with other states.

Dear Judge Thomas:

Your recent request for an opinion from our office has been considered. Your specific question concerned whether the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources has the authority under Act 82-407 to enter reciprocal agreements regarding hunting license fees with other states.

You are correct that no such authority exists in 82-407. However, 82-407 has been amended by 82-777 and Section 2 of this amended version reads as follows:

Section 2. Notwithstanding any rule, regulation or law to the contrary, the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with consent of the Conservation Advisory Board is hereby authorized to establish bag limits, lengths of seasons and license fees for non-residents who reside in those states which have entered into reciprocal agreements as to the aforementioned with the

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State of Alabama. "But under no circumstance shall the annual all game license be less than \$99 nor the trip all game license less than \$50."


The Commissioner is given the authority to enter such agreements and the minimum fee is set.

We trust this information clarifies the situation. If we may be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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