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A Bill

SENATE BILL 397

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING LIFETIME HUNTING
10 LICENSES AND FISHING LICENSES FOR A RESIDENT DISABLED
11 VETERAN; TO INCLUDE A LIFETIME COMBINATION HUNTING
12 AND FISHING LICENSE WITH A LIFETIME STATE DUCK AND
13 TROUT STAMP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING LIFETIME
17 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR A
18 RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN; AND TO INCLUDE
19 A LIFETIME COMBINATION HUNTING AND
20 FISHING LICENSE WITH A LIFETIME STATE
21 DUCK AND TROUT STAMP.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-128 is amended to read as follows:
28 15-42-128. Lifetime hunting licenses and fishing licenses for resident
29 disabled veterans – Definition.

30 (a) The General Assembly finds and determines that:

31 (1) The regulation of hunting and fishing, and the issuance of
32 hunting licenses and fishing licenses, in the state is a primary
33 responsibility of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under Arkansas
34 Constitution, Amendment 35;

35 (2) Disabled veterans of Arkansas deserve to be recognized and
36 honored for their service and sacrifice in honorably serving the nation and



1 this state;

2 (3) The establishment and issuance of lifetime hunting licenses
3 and lifetime fishing licenses in this state is a small way to recognize and
4 honor the service of disabled veterans in this state; and

5 (4) It is the purpose and intent of this section to authorize
6 and encourage the commission to establish and issue lifetime hunting
7 licenses, ~~and lifetime fishing licenses, and lifetime combination hunting and~~
8 fishing licenses for eligible disabled veterans in this state.

9 (b) The commission may establish for issuance lifetime hunting ~~and~~
10 licenses, lifetime fishing licenses, and lifetime combination hunting and
11 fishing licenses for eligible disabled veterans in this state.

12 (c) As used in this section, "disabled veteran" means a veteran who is
13 a resident of the state and has ~~either~~ been determined by the United States
14 Department of Veterans Affairs to be:

15 (1) ~~Been determined by the United States Department of Veterans~~
16 ~~Affairs to be a~~ A one hundred percent (100%) totally and permanently disabled
17 service-connected veteran; ~~or~~

18 (2) ~~Been determined by the department to be a~~ A permanently
19 disabled service-connected veteran who is the recipient of the Purple Heart
20 medal as a result of his or her service-connected disability; ~~or~~

21 (3) For purposes of subsection (f) of this section only, a
22 permanently disabled service-connected veteran with a disability rating of
23 seventy percent (70%) or higher.

24 (d) A disabled veteran may obtain a lifetime license to hunt or a
25 lifetime license to fish under this section by:

26 (1) Applying to the ~~Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission~~
27 commission;

28 (2) Furnishing information required by the commission to verify
29 eligibility; and

30 (3) ~~Payment of~~ Paying the following fees:

31 (A) One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for a lifetime
32 hunting license; and

33 (B) One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for a lifetime
34 fishing license.

35 (e) A lifetime hunting license, to hunt or a lifetime fishing license,
36 ~~to fish or lifetime combination hunting and fishing license~~ issued under this

1 section shall:

2 (1) Be in the same form and contain the same information as
3 other hunting licenses or fishing licenses issued by the commission;

4 (2) Contain any other information required by the commission;
5 and

6 (3) Be plainly stamped either:

7 (A) "DISABLED VETERAN"; or

8 (B) "DISABLED VETERAN - PURPLE HEART".

9 ~~(f) The commission may promulgate such rules and regulations as~~
10 ~~necessary to carry out the intent of this section. A disabled veteran may~~
11 obtain a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, which includes a
12 lifetime trout stamp and a lifetime state duck stamp, under this section by:

13 (1) Applying to the commission;

14 (2) Furnishing information required by the commission to verify
15 eligibility; and

16 (3) Paying a fee of fifty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$52.50).

17 (g) The commission may promulgate rules as necessary to implement this
18 section.

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