

House Bill 25

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 hunting licenses, permits, and stamps generally, so as to replace the one-year honorary
3 veterans license with a free lifetime license; to amend Code Section 27-1-2 of the Official
4 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to game and fish, so as to correct
5 a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting licenses,
10 permits, and stamps generally, is amended by revising subparagraph (d)(1)(F) of Code
11 Section 27-2-3.1, relating to sportsman's licenses, as follows:

12 "(F) Type V (Veterans), available only to those individuals who served more than 90
13 days of federal active duty military service and were honorably discharged: ~~80 percent~~
14 ~~of the amount of the fee specified for Type A lifetime sportsman's licenses in~~
15 ~~subparagraph (C) of this paragraph~~ no charge; and"

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 27-2-4, relating
18 to honorary hunting and fishing licenses, as follows:

19 "~~(g)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'returning veteran' means a person who is~~
20 ~~discharged from active duty as a member of the regular or reserve component of the~~
21 ~~United States armed forces, the United States Coast Guard, the Georgia National Guard,~~
22 ~~or the Georgia Air National Guard and who was on ordered federal duty for a period of~~
23 ~~90 days or longer.~~

24 ~~(2) The department shall issue an honorary hunting and fishing license to any returning~~
25 ~~veteran which shall entitle him or her to hunt and fish in this state without the payment~~

26 ~~of fees described in Code Section 27-2-23 for a period of one year following issuance.~~
 27 ~~A returning veteran requesting such an honorary license shall provide proof of his or her~~
 28 ~~discharge. Reserved.~~"

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 Code Section 27-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
 31 relative to game and fish, is amended by revising paragraph (60) as follows:

32 "(60) 'Resident' means any citizen of the United States who has been domiciled within
 33 the State of Georgia for a period of at least three months. For purposes of issuing or
 34 procuring the noncommercial hunting and fishing licenses required by this title, the term
 35 'resident' shall include full-time military personnel on active duty and the dependents of
 36 such military personnel; provided, however, that requirements for residency as defined
 37 in paragraph (5) of subsection (e) of Code Section 27-2-3.1 shall apply to such military
 38 personnel and their dependents for all lifetime license types listed in Code Section
 39 27-2-3.1 that are only available to residents. Requirements for residency as defined in
 40 paragraph (5) of subsection (e) of Code Section 27-2-3.1 shall also apply to ~~such military~~
 41 ~~personnel and their dependents for all honorary license types listed in Code Section~~
 42 ~~27-2-4 and to the landowner exemption in subsection (b) of Code Section 27-2-1,~~
 43 provided that the domicile requirement shall be a period of at least three months."

44 **SECTION 4.**

45 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.