

# SENATE BILL No. 253

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-22-12.

**Synopsis:** Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses. Establishes a reduced fee lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping license for disabled veterans who are Indiana residents.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs & The Military.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-22-12-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.151-2012,
- 2 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1.5. (a) As used in this section, "qualified
- 4 individual" means an individual who:
  - 5 (1) is a resident of Indiana;
  - 6 (2) has served in the armed forces of the United States; and
  - 7 (3) has a service connected disability, as evidenced by:
    - 8 (A) records of the United States Department of Veterans
    - 9 Affairs; or
    - 10 (B) disability retirement benefits awarded to the individual
    - 11 under laws administered by the United States Department of
    - 12 Defense.
  - 13 (b) A qualified individual is entitled to reduced fee hunting and
  - 14 fishing licenses under this section.
  - 15 (c) Each year a qualified individual may obtain:
    - 16 (1) both:



- 1 (A) a resident yearly license to fish; and  
 2 (B) a resident yearly license to hunt; or  
 3 (2) a resident yearly license to hunt and fish;  
 4 by paying a reduced license fee of two dollars and seventy-five cents  
 5 (\$2.75) instead of the fee prescribed by section 1 of this chapter.  
 6 (d) Each decade a qualified individual may obtain:  
 7 (1) both:  
 8 (A) a resident license to fish that is valid for ten (10) years;  
 9 and  
 10 (B) a resident license to hunt that is valid for ten (10) years; or  
 11 (2) a resident license to hunt and fish that is valid for ten (10)  
 12 years;  
 13 by paying a reduced license fee of twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents  
 14 (\$27.50).  
 15 **(e) A qualified individual may obtain a lifetime license to hunt,**  
 16 **fish, and trap by paying a reduced license fee of twenty dollars**  
 17 **(\$20).**  
 18 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** An applicant for a reduced fee license under this section must  
 19 do the following:  
 20 (1) Request the license from:  
 21 (A) the department;  
 22 (B) an agent appointed by the director under IC 14-22-11-3; or  
 23 (C) the clerk of the circuit court who is an authorized  
 24 representative of the department under IC 14-22-11-3 in the  
 25 county in which the individual resides.  
 26 (2) Present evidence that the applicant is a qualified individual.  
 27 SECTION 2. IC 14-22-12-7.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.219-2014,  
 28 SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 29 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7.3. (a) Subject to the commission adopting fees  
 30 under subsection (b), the department may issue to residents of Indiana  
 31 lifetime licenses to hunt, fish, or trap.  
 32 (b) The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 and  
 33 IC 14-10-2-4 to establish fees for lifetime licenses to hunt, fish, or trap.  
 34 **The rules adopted by the commission to comply with this**  
 35 **subsection must also comply with the fee established under section**  
 36 **1.5(e) of this chapter.**

