

SENATE BILL 2300

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, relative to persons who assist persons who qualify for a license to hunt or fish at no charge or a discount based on having a disability.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-104, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

A person may assist a resident of this state who obtains a license under subdivision (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(4), or (b)(2), or subsection (e), or who is exempt from licensure under subdivision (b)(1), without the necessity of procuring a license, if:

(1) The person who qualifies for a license under subdivision (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(4), or (b)(2), or subsection (e), or who is exempt from licensure under subdivision (b)(1), completes and retains a form that designates one (1) person as an assistant and identifies the assistant by driver license number or by some other unique identifying number that appears on a form of identification issued to the assistant by a governmental entity. A person may only designate one (1) person as an assistant for hunting or fishing purposes each calendar year, except in the case of the death of the designated assistant. The agency shall develop a form that may be used to satisfy the requirements of this subdivision ( ) (1), and make the form available to the public on the agency's website;

(2) The person providing assistance is not hunting or fishing on the person's own behalf. No extra bag limit or creel limit is permitted for an assistant who is not licensed to hunt or fish in this state, as applicable; and

(3) The assistant does not possess:

(A) A fishing pole, unless the assistant has a valid license to fish in this state;

(B) A firearm, unless the assistant has a valid license to hunt in this state, a concealed handgun carry permit, or an enhanced handgun carry permit; or

(C) Any weapon other than a firearm that the agency has authorized by proclamation to be used for the taking of game, unless the assistant has a valid license to hunt in this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.