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Short Title: Disabled Sportsman Licenses.

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Sponsors: Representatives McCombs; Arnold, Culp, Fox, Hill, Hurley, McCrary, McMahan, Mitchell, Nye, Owens, Sexton, Thompson, and Yongue.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH LIFETIME SPORTSMAN LICENSES FOR CERTAIN DISABLED RESIDENTS AND DISABLED VETERANS AND TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL USE OF FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR DISABLED SPORTSMEN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 113-270.1D(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Lifetime Sportsman Licenses. Lifetime sportsman licenses are valid for the lifetime of the holders and entitle the holders to take all wild animals and wild birds by all lawful methods in all open seasons, including the use of game lands, and to fish with hook and line for all fish in all inland and joint fishing waters, including public mountain trout waters. Lifetime sportsman licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are:

- (1) Infant Lifetime Sportsman License – \$200.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual under one year of age.
- (2) Youth Lifetime Sportsman License – \$350.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual under 12 years of age.
- (3) Adult Resident Lifetime Sportsman License – \$500.00. This license shall be issued only to an individual resident of the State.

1 (4) Nonresident Lifetime Sportsman License – \$1,000. this license shall
2 be issued only to an individual nonresident of the State.

3 (5) Age 70 Resident Lifetime Sportsman License – \$10.00. This license
4 shall be issued only to an individual resident of the State who is at
5 least 70 years of age.

6 (6) Disabled Resident Sportsman License – \$100.00. This license shall
7 be issued only to (i) an individual resident of the State who is a fifty
8 percent (50%) or more disabled veteran as determined by the Veterans
9 Administration, remaining valid for the lifetime of the individual so
10 long as the individual remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled;
11 or (ii) an individual resident of the State who is totally disabled,
12 remaining valid for the lifetime of the individual so long as the
13 individual remains totally disabled. For purposes of this section,
14 'totally disabled' means physically incapable of being gainfully
15 employed."

16 Section 2. G.S. 113-270.1C(b)(2) and G.S. 113-270.1C(b) (3) are repealed.

17 Section 3. G.S. 113-270.1C(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
18 read:

19 "(4) Lifetime Combination Hunting and Fishing License for Disabled
20 Residents – \$10.00. This license shall be issued only to (i) an
21 individual resident of the State who is a fifty percent (50%) or more
22 disabled veteran as determined by the Veterans Administration,
23 remaining valid for the lifetime of the individual so long as the
24 individual remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled; or (ii) an
25 individual resident of the State who is totally disabled, remaining
26 valid for the lifetime of the individual so long as the individual
27 remains totally disabled. For purposes of this section, 'totally
28 disabled' means physically incapable of being gainfully employed."

29 Section 4. G.S. 143-250.1(c) is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

30 "(5a) The proceeds from the sale of lifetime combination hunting and
31 fishing licenses for disabled residents pursuant to G.S. 113-
32 270.1C(b)(4);"

33 Section 5. Article 22 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by
34 adding a new section to read:

35 "**§ 113-297. Unlawful use of facilities provided for disabled sportsman.**

36 Any person who knowingly uses facilities or participates in activities provided by the
37 Wildlife Resources Commission for disabled sportsmen, when that person does not meet
38 the qualifications for use of those facilities or participation in those activities, is guilty of
39 a Class 3 misdemeanor."

40 Section 6. Section 5 of this act becomes effective December 1, 1997. The
41 remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 1997. All lifetime combination hunting
42 and fishing licenses issued under G.S. 113-270.1C(b)(2) and G.S. 113-270.1C(b)(3) prior
43 to that date shall remain valid for the uses for which they were issued.