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SENATE BILL 1537

Short Title: Disabled Hunting and Fishing Licenses Free. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith; Apodaca, Berger of Rockingham, Bingham, Blake, Brown, Brunstetter, East, Forrester, Goodall, Jacumin, Preston, and Stevens.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR THE
DISABLED SHALL BE ISSUED AT NO CHARGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 113-174.2(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Types of CRFLs; Fees; Duration. – The Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue the following CRFLs:

...
(6) Lifetime CRFLs. – Except as provided in sub-subdivision j. of this subdivision, CRFLs issued under this subdivision are valid for the lifetime of the licensee.

...
j. Resident Disabled Veteran CRFL. – ~~\$10.00.~~ No charge. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is a fifty percent (50%) or more disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This license remains valid for the lifetime of the licensee so long as the licensee remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled.

k. Resident Totally Disabled CRFL. – ~~\$10.00.~~ No charge. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration."

SECTION 2. G.S. 113-270.1C(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Combination hunting and inland fishing licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission are:

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1 (5) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland
2 Fishing License – ~~\$10.00.~~ No charge. This license shall be issued only
3 to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is a fifty percent
4 (50%) or more disabled veteran as determined by the United States
5 Department of Veterans Affairs. This license remains valid for the
6 lifetime of the licensee so long as the licensee remains fifty percent
7 (50%) or more disabled. This license entitles the licensee to fish in
8 public mountain trout waters as provided in G.S. 113-272(a).

9 (6) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland
10 Fishing License – ~~\$10.00.~~ No charge. This license shall be issued only
11 to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is totally and
12 permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security
13 Administration. This license remains valid for the lifetime of the
14 licensee. This license entitles the licensee to fish in public mountain
15 trout waters as provided in G.S. 113-272(a)."

16 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 113-270.1D(b) reads as rewritten:

17 "(b) Lifetime Sportsman Licenses. Except as provided in subdivision (7) of this
18 subsection, lifetime sportsman licenses are valid for the lifetime of the licensees.
19 Lifetime sportsman licenses entitle the licensees to take all wild animals and wild birds
20 by all lawful methods in all open seasons, including the use of game lands, and to fish
21 with hook and line for all fish in all inland and joint fishing waters, including public
22 mountain trout waters. A lifetime sportsman license issued under this subsection does
23 not entitle the licensee to engage in recreational fishing in coastal fishing waters that are
24 not joint fishing waters. Lifetime sportsman licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources
25 Commission are:

26 ...
27 (7) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Sportsman License – ~~\$100.00.~~ No
28 charge. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a
29 resident of the State and who is a fifty percent (50%) or more disabled
30 veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veterans
31 Affairs. This license remains valid for the lifetime of the licensee so
32 long as the licensee remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled.

33 (8) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Sportsman License – ~~\$100.00.~~ No
34 charge. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a
35 resident of the State and who is totally and permanently disabled as
36 determined by the Social Security Administration."

37 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 113-271(d) reads as rewritten:

38 "(d) The hook-and-line fishing licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources
39 Commission are as follows:

40 ...
41 (6b) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Inland Fishing License – ~~\$10.00.~~
42 No charge. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a
43 resident of the State and who is a fifty percent (50%) or more disabled
44 veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veterans

Affairs. This license remains valid for the lifetime of the licensee so long as the licensee remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled.

(6c) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Inland Fishing License – ~~\$10.00. No charge.~~ This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration. This license remains valid for the lifetime of the licensee."

SECTION 5. G.S. 113-351(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Types of Unified Hunting and Fishing Licenses; Fees; Duration. – The Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue the following Unified Hunting and Fishing Licenses:

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(3) Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses. – Except as provided in sub-subdivision f. of this subdivision, a license issued under this subdivision is valid for the lifetime of the licensee. A license issued under this subdivision authorizes the licensee to take all wild animals and wild birds, including waterfowl, by all lawful methods in all open seasons, including the use of game lands; to fish with hook and line for all fish in all inland fishing waters and joint fishing waters, including public mountain trout waters; and to engage in recreational fishing in coastal fishing waters.

...
f. Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License. – ~~\$110.00.~~ No charge. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is a fifty percent (50%) or more disabled veteran as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This license remains valid for the lifetime of the licensee so long as the licensee remains fifty percent (50%) or more disabled.

g. Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License. – ~~\$110.00.~~ No charge. This license shall be issued only to an individual who is a resident of the State and who is totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration.

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SECTION 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.