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CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, KHAN, KAZEEM AND KIM, JULY 23, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JULY 23, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing  
3 for disabled veterans and former prisoners of war; and, in  
4 hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for  
5 resident license and fee exemptions.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 2707(a) of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 2707. Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war.

11 (a) General rule for disabled veterans.--

12 (1) Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred  
13 in [any war or armed conflict which consists of the loss of  
14 one or more limbs, or the loss of use of one or more limbs,  
15 or total blindness, or] military service who is 100% disabled  
16 as certified by the United States Department of Veterans  
17 Affairs, and who meets the qualifications of section 2701  
18 (relating to resident fishing licenses), shall be issued a

1 free resident fishing license upon application to the  
2 commission or a county treasurer. An application submitted by  
3 a disabled veteran shall, in addition to any information  
4 required under section 2701, contain a statement that the  
5 applicant is a [war or armed conflict] military veteran and  
6 that the qualifying disability was service incurred. The  
7 issuing agent or the commission may require the production of  
8 the discharge papers of the applicant.

9 (2) Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred  
10 in [any war or armed conflict] military service and possesses  
11 a disability rating between 60% and 99% as certified by the  
12 United States Department of Veterans Affairs and who meets  
13 the qualifications of section 2701 shall be issued a resident  
14 fishing license at the cost of \$1 upon application to the  
15 commission or a county treasurer. An application submitted by  
16 a disabled veteran shall, in addition to any information  
17 required under section 2701, contain a statement that the  
18 applicant is a [war or armed conflict] military veteran and  
19 that the qualifying disability was service incurred. The  
20 issuing agent or the commission may require the production of  
21 the discharge papers of the applicant.

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23 Section 2. Section 2706(b)(1), (1.1) and (2) of Title 34 are  
24 amended to read:

25 § 2706. Resident license and fee exemptions.

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27 (b) Disabled veterans.--

28 (1) Any resident disabled veteran who has a disability  
29 incurred in [any war or armed conflict which consists of the  
30 loss of one or more limbs, or the loss of the use of one or

1 more limbs, or] military service who is 100% disabled as

2 certified by the United States Department of Veterans

3 Affairs, and who meets all other qualifications of this title

4 and is otherwise mentally and physically fit, shall be issued

5 a free regular hunting or furtaking license upon application

6 to the commission or a county treasurer.

7 (1.1) Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred

8 in [any war or armed conflict] military service and possesses

9 a disability rating between 60% and 99% as certified by the

10 United States Department of Veterans Affairs and who meets

11 all other qualifications of this act and is otherwise

12 mentally and physically fit shall be issued a resident

13 hunting or furtaking license at the cost of \$1 upon

14 application to the commission or a county treasurer.

15 (2) The application for the issuance of a license under

16 paragraph (1) or (1.1) shall, in addition to the other

17 information required by the commission, contain a statement

18 that the applicant is a [war or armed conflict] military

19 veteran and that the qualifying disability was service

20 incurred.

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22 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.