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NATURAL RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a free lifetime hunting and fishing license
2 for residents who are sixty-five years of age or older and
3 providing an effective date and retroactive applicability.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 483A.1, subsection 1, paragraphs b and
2 d, Code 1999, are amended by striking the paragraphs.

3 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, subsection 14, Code 1999, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 14. The department shall issue without charge ~~a special~~ an
6 annual fishing or combined hunting and fishing license to
7 residents of this state who have permanent disabilities and
8 whose income falls below the federal poverty guidelines as
9 published by the United States department of health and human
10 services ~~or~~. The department shall also issue without charge a
11 lifetime combined hunting and fishing license to residents of
12 this state who are sixty-five years of age or older and whose
13 income falls below the federal poverty guidelines as published
14 by the United States department of health and human services.
15 The commission shall provide for, by rule, an application to
16 be used by an applicant requesting a ~~special~~ special license under
17 this subsection. The commission shall require proof of age,
18 income, and proof of permanent disability, as applicable.

19 Sec. 3. REFUND FOR LIFETIME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.
20 A person who was issued a lifetime fishing license or lifetime
21 hunting license, or both licenses on or after December 15,
22 1998, pursuant to section 483A.1, subsection 1, paragraph "b"
23 or "d", for a fee of fifty dollars and fifty cents is entitled
24 to a refund of fifty dollars and fifty cents for each lifetime
25 hunting license or each lifetime fishing license purchased.
26 The department shall notify each licensee by mail at the
27 address listed on the license that a refund may be requested
28 before December 1, 1999. After November 30, 1999, a refund
29 request authorized pursuant to this section shall not be
30 accepted and a refund shall not be paid. The refunds shall be
31 paid from the state fish and game conservation fund.

32 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE -- RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.

33 1. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes
34 effect upon enactment.

35 2. Section 3 of this Act is retroactive to December 15,

1 1998, and applies to any lifetime fish license or lifetime
2 hunting license issued by the department of natural resources
3 pursuant to section 483A.1, subsection 1, paragraph "b" or
4 "d", from December 15, 1998, until the effective date of this
5 Act.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill requires the department of natural resources to
8 issue without charge a lifetime combined hunting and fishing
9 license to residents who are 65 years of age or older.

10 The bill authorizes a full refund of \$50.50 for lifetime
11 hunting or fishing licenses issued on or after December 15,
12 1998. The department of natural resources shall notify each
13 lifetime licensee of the refund by mail to the address listed
14 on the license. The refund must be requested before December
15 1, 1999. The refunds are to be made from the state fish and
16 game conservation fund.

17 The bill is effective upon enactment. Section 3 of the
18 bill is retroactive to December 15, 1998.

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