

SENATE FILE 2257
BY McCOY

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fishing and hunting licenses for military
2 personnel.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 483A.1B MILITARY PERSONNEL
2 LICENSES AND FEES.

3 For the purposes of sections 483A.1, 483A.7, 483A.8, and
4 483A.24B, a member of the armed forces of the United States,
5 reserve forces of the United States, or national guard of the
6 United States or a person who has retired or been discharged
7 under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United
8 States, reserve forces of the United States, or national guard
9 of the United States shall be considered a resident of this
10 state.

11 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, Code Supplement 2005, is amended
12 by adding the following new subsection:

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. The department shall issue without
14 charge a special lifetime fishing license to residents of this
15 state who have retired or have been discharged under honorable
16 conditions from the armed forces of the United States, reserve
17 forces of the United States, or national guard of the United
18 States. The commission shall provide for, by rule, an
19 application to be used by an applicant requesting the special
20 license. The commission shall require proof of military
21 service and proof of retirement or discharge under honorable
22 conditions from such service.

23 Sec. 3. Section 483A.27, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 1. A person born after January 1, 1967, shall not obtain a
26 hunting license unless the person has satisfactorily completed
27 a hunter safety and ethics education course approved by the
28 commission or has completed military basic training as
29 required by 10 U.S.C. § 671. A person who is eleven years of
30 age or more may enroll in an approved hunter safety and ethics
31 education course, but a person who is eleven years of age and
32 who has successfully completed the course shall be issued a
33 certificate of completion which becomes valid on the person's
34 twelfth birthday. A certificate of completion from an
35 approved hunter safety and ethics education course issued in

1 this state since 1960, by another state, or by a foreign
2 nation, is valid for the requirements of this section.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill makes all military personnel eligible to obtain
5 resident hunting and fishing licenses and to pay the
6 corresponding resident fees. This includes members of the
7 armed forces of the United States, members of reserve forces,
8 and members of the national guard, regardless of where they
9 currently reside.

10 The bill also makes all residents who have retired or have
11 been honorably discharged from the military eligible to
12 receive a free lifetime fishing license. This includes
13 retired or honorably discharged members of the armed forces of
14 the United States, members of reserve forces, and members of
15 the national guard.

16 The bill also exempts anyone who has completed basic
17 military training from the requirement to complete a hunter
18 safety and ethics education course.

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