

**Senate File 39 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to lifetime hunting and fishing licenses

2 available for certain disabled veterans.

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

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 16, Code 2021, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 16. Upon payment of the fee established by rules adopted  
4 pursuant to [section 483A.1](#) for a lifetime fishing license or  
5 lifetime hunting and fishing combined license, the department  
6 shall issue a lifetime fishing license or lifetime hunting and  
7 fishing combined license to a resident of Iowa who has served  
8 in the armed forces of the United States on federal active  
9 duty and who ~~was disabled or~~ was a prisoner of war during that  
10 veteran's military service. The department shall prepare  
11 an application to be used by a person requesting a lifetime  
12 fishing license or lifetime hunting and fishing combined  
13 license under [this subsection](#). The department of veterans  
14 affairs shall assist the department in verifying the status or  
15 claims of applicants under [this subsection](#). ~~As used in this~~  
16 ~~subsection, "disabled" means entitled to a service connected~~  
17 ~~rating under 38 U.S.C. ch. 11.~~

18 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, Code 2021, is amended by adding the  
19 following new subsection:

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 16A. The department shall issue without  
21 fee a lifetime fishing license or lifetime hunting and fishing  
22 combined license to a resident of Iowa who has served in the  
23 armed forces of the United States on federal active duty and  
24 who was disabled during that veteran's military service. The  
25 department shall prepare an application to be used by a person  
26 requesting a lifetime fishing license or lifetime hunting  
27 and fishing combined license under this subsection. Upon  
28 application, the person shall provide proof of service in the  
29 armed forces of the United States on federal active duty,  
30 proof of disability resulting from that service, a disability  
31 rating of at least zero percent determined by the department of  
32 veterans affairs, and proof of Iowa residency at the time of  
33 application. The department of veterans affairs shall assist  
34 the department in verifying the status or claims of applicants  
35 under this subsection. As used in this subsection, "disabled"

1 means entitled to a service-connected rating between zero and  
2 one hundred percent under 38 U.S.C. ch. 11.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This bill relates to lifetime hunting and fishing licenses  
7 available to certain disabled veterans. Under current law, a  
8 resident who served in the armed forces of the United States on  
9 federal active duty and who was disabled during that veteran's  
10 military service shall be issued a lifetime fishing license or  
11 lifetime hunting and fishing combined license after payment of  
12 a fee established by rule.

13 Under the bill, a resident disabled veteran may apply for  
14 and receive a lifetime fishing license or a lifetime hunting  
15 and fishing combined license without fee. A person applying  
16 for a license under the bill shall provide proof of service in  
17 the armed forces of the United States on federal active duty,  
18 proof of disability resulting from that service, a disability  
19 rating of at least 0 percent determined by the department of  
20 veterans affairs, and proof of Iowa residency at the time of  
21 application. The bill requires the department of veterans  
22 affairs to assist the department of natural resources in  
23 verifying the status or claims of applicants under the bill.  
24 For purposes of the bill, "disability" means entitled to a  
25 service-connected rating between 0 and 100 percent under 38  
26 U.S.C. ch. 11.