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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to hunting and fishing privileges for certain
2 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. a. 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 b. A resident eligible to obtain a lifetime fishing license
19 or lifetime hunting and fishing combined license under this
20 subsection may hunt without acquiring a hunting license or
21 fish without acquiring a fishing license if the resident was
22 disabled during that veteran's military service and such
23 disability is rated at one hundred percent, as verified by
24 the department of veterans affairs. While hunting or fishing
25 pursuant to this paragraph, the resident shall, upon request of
26 an officer of the department, display proof of the veteran's
27 age, residency, veteran status, and disability status.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill relates to hunting and fishing privileges for
32 certain disabled veterans. Under current law, a resident who
33 served in the armed forces of the United States on federal
34 active duty and who was disabled during that veteran's military
35 service is eligible to obtain a lifetime fishing license or

1 lifetime hunting and fishing combined license.

2 Under the bill, a resident who is a disabled veteran may hunt
3 without acquiring a hunting license or fish without acquiring
4 a fishing license if the veteran's disability is rated at 100
5 percent. A resident hunting in such manner shall, upon request
6 of an officer of the department of natural resources, display
7 proof of the veteran's age, residency, veteran status, and
8 disability status.