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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, VULAKOVICH  
AND YUDICHAK, JUNE 22, 2018

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REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, JUNE 22, 2018

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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 for  
4 exemptions from license requirements; and, in hunting and  
5 furtaking licenses, further providing for eligibility for  
6 license, for resident license and fee exemptions and for  
7 license costs and fees.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 2707(b) of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania  
11 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
12 § 2707. Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war.

13 \* \* \*

14 (b) Lifetime licenses.--

15 \* \* \*

16 (3) A disabled veteran who holds a resident fishing  
17 license and meets the qualifications of subsection (a)(2)  
18 may, at the option of the applicant, upon reaching the  
19 veteran's 65th birthday in the license year of the  
20 application for the license, be issued a senior resident

1 disabled veteran lifetime fishing license at the cost of \$5  
2 upon application to the commission or a county treasurer.

3 \* \* \*

4 Section 2. Section 2709 of Title 30 is amended by adding a  
5 subsection to read:

6 § 2709. Exemptions from license requirements.

7 \* \* \*

8 (g) Nonresident military personnel fishing licenses.--

9 (1) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to  
10 nonresident military personnel who satisfy all of the  
11 following:

12 (i) Are out-of-State residents.

13 (ii) Are on active and full-time duty in the United  
14 States Armed Forces.

15 (iii) Are assigned to a facility within this  
16 Commonwealth.

17 (iv) Have on their person while fishing proof of  
18 their assignment to a facility within this Commonwealth.

19 (2) Such persons shall comply with the regulations of  
20 the commission.

21 Section 3. Section 2704(b) of Title 34 is amended to read:

22 § 2704. Eligibility for license.

23 \* \* \*

24 (b) Hunter education.--Persons who have not held a hunting  
25 license lawfully issued to them in this Commonwealth or another  
26 state or nation or have not hunted under the exceptions in  
27 section 2706 (relating to resident license and fee exemptions)  
28 or do not possess a certificate of training approved by the  
29 director prior to the enactment of this title shall be required  
30 to attain accreditation in a hunter education program approved

1 by the director before a hunting license is issued to them. The  
2 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person who  
3 presents:

4 (1) Evidence of service in the armed forces of the  
5 United States or in the United States Coast Guard and  
6 discharge or separation under honorable conditions within  
7 [six months] five years of the date of application.

8 (2) Evidence that the person is currently serving in the  
9 armed forces of the United States or in the United States  
10 Coast Guard.

11 \* \* \*

12 Section 4. Section 2706(b)(1.1) of Title 34 is amended and  
13 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

14 § 2706. Resident license and fee exemptions.

15 \* \* \*

16 (b) Disabled veterans.--

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18 (1.1) Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred  
19 in any war or armed conflict and possesses a disability  
20 rating between 60% and 99% as certified by the United States  
21 Department of Veterans Affairs and who meets all other  
22 qualifications of this act and is otherwise mentally and  
23 physically fit shall be issued a resident hunting or  
24 furtaking license at the cost of \$1 upon application to the  
25 commission or a county treasurer. A disabled veteran who  
26 holds a resident hunting or furtaking license under this  
27 paragraph may, at the option of the applicant, upon reaching  
28 the veteran's 65th birthday in the license year of the  
29 application for the license, be issued:

30 (i) a senior lifetime resident disabled veteran

1           hunting license;  
2           (ii) a senior lifetime resident disabled veteran  
3           furtaking license; or  
4           (iii) a senior lifetime resident disabled veteran  
5           combination hunting and furtaking license.

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7           (e.1) Nonresident military personnel hunting licenses.--  
8           Nonresident military personnel hunting licenses shall be issued  
9           by the commission, county treasurer or issuing agent to persons  
10           who satisfy all of the following requirements:

11           (1) Are out-of-State residents.

12           (2) Are on active and full-time duty in the United  
13           States Armed Forces.

14           (3) Are assigned to a facility within this Commonwealth.

15           Such persons shall comply with the regulations of the  
16           commission.

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18           Section 5. Section 2709(a) of Title 34 is amended to read:  
19           § 2709. License costs and fees.

20           (a) License costs.--Any person who qualifies under the  
21           provisions of this chapter shall be issued the applicable  
22           license upon payment of the following costs and the issuing  
23           agent's fee:

24           (1) (i) Junior resident hunting - \$5.

25           (ii) Junior resident combination hunting and  
26           furtaker - \$8.

27           (2) (i) Adult resident hunting - \$19.

28           (ii) Resident or nonresident military personnel  
29           hunting - \$1.

30           (iii) Former prisoner of war hunting - \$1.

- 1 (iv) Pennsylvania National Guard hunting - \$1.  
2 (v) Reserve component of the armed forces hunting -  
3 \$1.  
4 (3) (i) Senior resident hunting - \$12.  
5 (ii) Senior lifetime resident hunting - \$50.  
6 (iii) Senior lifetime resident combination hunting  
7 and furtaker - \$100.  
8 (iv) Senior lifetime resident disabled veteran  
9 hunting - \$15.  
10 (v) Senior lifetime resident disabled veteran  
11 combination hunting and furtaker - \$50.  
12 (4) Bear hunting:  
13 (i) Resident - \$15.  
14 (ii) Nonresident - \$35.  
15 (5) Antlerless deer:  
16 (i) Resident, including resident and nonresident  
17 military, resident disabled veteran and landowner - \$5.  
18 (ii) Nonresident - \$25.  
19 (6) Archery deer:  
20 (i) Resident - \$15.  
21 (ii) Nonresident - \$25.  
22 (7) Muzzleloader deer:  
23 (i) Resident - \$10.  
24 (ii) Nonresident - \$20.  
25 (8) (Reserved).  
26 (9) Adult nonresident hunting - \$100.  
27 (10) (i) Junior nonresident hunting - \$40.  
28 (ii) Junior nonresident combination hunting and  
29 furtaker - \$50.  
30 (11) Seven-day nonresident small game - \$30.

- 1 (12) Junior resident furtakers - \$5.  
2 (13) Adult resident furtakers - \$19.  
3 (14) (i) Senior resident furtakers - \$12.  
4 (ii) Senior lifetime resident furtaker - \$50.  
5 (iii) Senior lifetime resident disabled veteran  
6 furtaker - \$15.  
7 (15) Adult nonresident furtaker - \$80.  
8 (16) Junior nonresident furtaker - \$40.  
9 (17) Resident disabled veteran hunting or furtaker under  
10 section [2706(b) (relating to disabled veterans)] 2706(b) (1)  
11 (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) - no cost.  
12 (18) Replacement license - \$5. Antlerless deer and bear  
13 licenses shall be replaced by the original issuing agent  
14 only.  
15 (19) Owners or possessors of land open to public hunting  
16 under section 2706(d) [(relating to owners or possessors of  
17 land open to public hunting)] - \$3.  
18 (20) Migratory game bird hunting license:  
19 (i) Resident - \$2.  
20 (ii) Nonresident - \$5.  
21 (21) Elk hunting license:  
22 (i) Resident - \$25.  
23 (ii) Nonresident - \$250.  
24 (22) Special wild turkey license:  
25 (i) Resident - \$20.  
26 (ii) Nonresident - \$40.

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28 Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.