THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2382 Session of 1996

INTRODUCED BY B. SMITH, SHANER, DEMPSEY, COLAIZZO, BAKER, MARKOSEK, FICHTER, ROEBUCK, STISH, SCHULER, VAN HORNE, PETRARCA, ROONEY, BELARDI, HENNESSEY, STABACK, McCALL, GODSHALL, FLEAGLE, PLATTS, HESS, GEORGE, HERSHEY, PISTELLA, GEIST, MILLER, CLARK, VEON, FAJT, FARGO, MUNDY, READSHAW, BARD, ROBERTS, YOUNGBLOOD, MAITLAND, ARMSTRONG, NAILOR, MAJOR, EGOLF, MERRY, LUCYK, TRELLO, COLAFELLA, BROWNE, E. Z. TAYLOR, SURRA, WAUGH, O'BRIEN, WALKO, HARHART, TRAVAGLIO, TRUE, FAIRCHILD, LEH, ADOLPH, MARSICO, DIGIROLAMO AND L. I. COHEN, FEBRUARY 6, 1996

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 13, 1996

AN ACT

- Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for disabled veterans.
- 3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- hereby enacts as follows:
- Section 1. Section 2707 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
- Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- § 2707. Disabled veterans. 7
- 8 (a) General rule. -- Any disabled veteran who has a disability
- incurred in any war or armed conflict which consists of the loss
- 10 of one or more limbs, or the loss of use of one or more limbs,
- 11 or total blindness, or who is 100% disabled as certified by the
- 12 United States [Veterans' Administration] Department of Veterans
- Affairs, and who meets the qualifications of section 2701 13

- 1 (relating to resident fishing licenses), shall be issued a free
- 2 resident fishing license upon application to the commission or a
- 3 county treasurer [or, in counties where there is no county
- 4 treasurer by virtue of a home rule charter or optional plan of
- 5 government, the county official who performs the functions of a
- 6 county treasurer and who has been designated as an issuing agent
- 7 by the commission]. An application under this section shall, in
- 8 addition to any information required under section 2701, contain
- 9 a statement that the applicant is a war or armed conflict
- 10 veteran and that [his] the qualifying disability was service
- 11 incurred. The issuing agent or the commission may require the
- 12 production of the discharge papers of the applicant.
- (b) Lifetime licenses.--If a disabled veteran who qualifies
- 14 for issuance of a free resident fishing license under subsection
- 15 (a) presents documentation to show that the qualifying
- 16 <u>disability is permanent, the commission or county treasurer</u>
- 17 <u>shall issue a disabled veteran lifetime fishing license. In a</u>
- 18 SHALL ISSUE A DISABLED VETERAN LIFETIME FISHING LICENSE.
- 19 (C) HOME RULE AND OPTIONAL PLAN COUNTIES. -- IN A county where

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- 20 there is no county treasurer by virtue of a home rule charter or
- 21 optional plan of government, the county official who performs
- 22 the functions of a county treasurer and who has been designated
- 23 an issuing agent by the commission shall issue free resident
- 24 <u>fishing licenses to disabled veterans under this subsection</u>
- 25 <u>SECTION.</u> <—
- 26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.