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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND L. I. COHEN, FEBRUARY 6, 1996

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 6, 1996

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for disabled veterans.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 2707 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 2707. Disabled veterans.

8 (a) General rule.--Any disabled veteran who has a disability  
9 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  
13 Affairs, and who meets the qualifications of section 2701  
14 (relating to resident fishing licenses), shall be issued a free

1 resident fishing license upon application to the commission or a  
2 county treasurer [or, in counties where there is no county  
3 treasurer by virtue of a home rule charter or optional plan of  
4 government, the county official who performs the functions of a  
5 county treasurer and who has been designated as an issuing agent  
6 by the commission]. An application under this section shall, in  
7 addition to any information required under section 2701, contain  
8 a statement that the applicant is a war or armed conflict  
9 veteran and that [his] the qualifying disability was service  
10 incurred. The issuing agent or the commission may require the  
11 production of the discharge papers of the applicant.

12 (b) Lifetime licenses.--If a disabled veteran who qualifies  
13 for issuance of a free resident fishing license under subsection  
14 (a) presents documentation to show that the qualifying  
15 disability is permanent, the commission or county treasurer  
16 shall issue a disabled veteran lifetime fishing license. In a  
17 county where there is no county treasurer by virtue of a home  
18 rule charter or optional plan of government, the county official  
19 who performs the functions of a county treasurer and who has  
20 been designated an issuing agent by the commission shall issue  
21 free resident fishing licenses to disabled veterans under this  
22 subsection.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.