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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 397

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING LIFETIME HUNTING  
10 LICENSES AND FISHING LICENSES FOR A RESIDENT DISABLED  
11 VETERAN; TO INCLUDE A LIFETIME COMBINATION HUNTING  
12 AND FISHING LICENSE WITH A LIFETIME STATE DUCK AND  
13 TROUT STAMP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING LIFETIME  
17 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR A  
18 RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN; AND TO INCLUDE  
19 A LIFETIME COMBINATION HUNTING AND  
20 FISHING LICENSE WITH A LIFETIME STATE  
21 DUCK AND TROUT STAMP.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-42-128 is amended to read as follows:

28 15-42-128. Lifetime hunting licenses and fishing licenses for resident  
29 disabled veterans – Definition.

30 (a) The General Assembly finds and determines that:

31 (1) The regulation of hunting and fishing, and the issuance of  
32 hunting licenses and fishing licenses, in the state is a primary  
33 responsibility of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under Arkansas  
34 Constitution, Amendment 35;

35 (2) Disabled veterans of Arkansas deserve to be recognized and  
36 honored for their service and sacrifice in honorably serving the nation and



1 this state;

2 (3) The establishment and issuance of lifetime hunting licenses  
3 and lifetime fishing licenses in this state is a small way to recognize and  
4 honor the service of disabled veterans in this state; and

5 (4) It is the purpose and intent of this section to authorize  
6 and encourage the commission to establish and issue lifetime hunting  
7 licenses, ~~and lifetime fishing licenses, and lifetime combination hunting and~~  
8 fishing licenses for eligible disabled veterans in this state.

9 (b) The commission may establish for issuance lifetime hunting ~~and~~  
10 licenses, lifetime fishing licenses, and lifetime combination hunting and  
11 fishing licenses for eligible disabled veterans in this state.

12 (c) As used in this section, "disabled veteran" means a veteran who is  
13 a resident of the state and has ~~either~~ been determined by the United States  
14 Department of Veterans Affairs to be:

15 (1) ~~Been determined by the United States Department of Veterans~~  
16 ~~Affairs to be a~~ A one hundred percent (100%) totally and permanently disabled  
17 service-connected veteran; or

18 (2) ~~Been determined by the department to be a permanently~~  
19 ~~disabled service-connected veteran who is the recipient of the Purple Heart~~  
20 ~~medal as a result of his or her service-connected disability~~ For purposes of  
21 subsection (f) of this section only, a disabled veteran who:

22 (A) Has a total and permanent service-connected disability  
23 rating of seventy-percent (70%) or higher and receives benefits at a one  
24 hundred percent (100%) rate due to a finding of individual unemployability;  
25 or

26 (B) Has a service-connected disability rating of fifty  
27 percent (50%) or higher and is a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

28 (d) A disabled veteran may obtain a lifetime license to hunt or a  
29 lifetime license to fish under this section by:

30 (1) Applying to the ~~Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission~~  
31 commission;

32 (2) Furnishing information required by the commission to verify  
33 eligibility; and

34 (3) ~~Payment of~~ Paying the following fees:

35 (A) One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for a lifetime  
36 hunting license; and

1 (B) One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for a lifetime  
2 fishing license.

3 (e) A lifetime hunting license, ~~to hunt or a lifetime fishing license,~~  
4 ~~to fish or lifetime combination hunting and fishing license~~ issued under this  
5 section shall:

6 (1) Be in the same form and contain the same information as  
7 other hunting licenses or fishing licenses issued by the commission;

8 (2) Contain any other information required by the commission;  
9 and

10 (3) Be plainly stamped either:

11 (A) "DISABLED VETERAN"; or

12 (B) "DISABLED VETERAN - PURPLE HEART".

13 (f) ~~The commission may promulgate such rules and regulations as~~  
14 ~~necessary to carry out the intent of this section.~~ A disabled veteran may  
15 obtain a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, which includes a  
16 lifetime trout stamp and a lifetime state duck stamp, under this section by:

17 (1) Applying to the commission;

18 (2) Furnishing information required by the commission to verify  
19 eligibility; and

20 (3) Paying a fee of fifty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$52.50).

21 (g) The commission may promulgate rules as necessary to implement this  
22 section.

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25 /s/D. Wallace  
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