

SENATE FILE NO. SF0083

Disabled veteran's fishing licenses.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Roberts and Boggs and  
Representative(s) Brechtel, Robinson and  
Walsh

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to disabled veterans; authorizing issuance  
2 of lifetime fishing licenses to resident disabled veterans  
3 as specified; excepting such license holders from  
4 requirement to purchase a conservation stamp; imposing  
5 conditions; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-2-201(a) and by creating a new  
10 subsection (f) and 23-2-306(a)(intro) are amended to read:

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12 **23-2-201. Fees; restrictions; verification of**  
13 **residency required; disabled veteran's lifetime license.**

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15 (a) Any qualified person may purchase a fishing  
16 license from the department or its authorized selling

1 agents. Purchase of a license entitles the licensee to take  
2 any fish of Wyoming at the time, in a place, in a manner  
3 and in an amount as provided by law and the orders of the  
4 commission. At the time of application for a resident  
5 license under this section, the applicant shall provide a  
6 valid Wyoming driver's license or a copy thereof, or other  
7 proof of residency. The commission shall promulgate  
8 reasonable rules and regulations stating what proof of  
9 residency is required so that only bona fide Wyoming  
10 residents, as defined in W.S. 23-1-102(a)(ix), receive  
11 resident licenses. For purposes of purchasing a lifetime  
12 resident license under subsection (d) of this section and  
13 except for the resident disabled veteran's lifetime license  
14 issued under subsection (f) of this section, an applicant  
15 shall have been a resident as defined in W.S.  
16 23-1-102(a)(ix) continuously for a ten (10) year period  
17 immediately preceding the application date.

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19 (f) Any resident disabled veteran who receives fifty  
20 percent (50%) or more service connected disability  
21 compensation from the United States department of veteran's  
22 affairs may apply to the department for a resident disabled  
23 veteran's lifetime fishing license. The license entitles  
24 the resident disabled veteran to take any fish within

1 Wyoming at the time, in a place, in a manner and in an  
2 amount as provided by law and the orders of the commission.  
3 Application shall include proof of residency required under  
4 subsection (a) of this section, certification of the  
5 applicant's service connected disability and other  
6 information required by rule and regulation of the  
7 commission. Notwithstanding subsection (a) and paragraph  
8 (d)(viii) of this section, a disabled veteran's lifetime  
9 fishing license shall be issued to an eligible applicant  
10 without payment of any fee.

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12 **23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.**

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14 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, each  
15 sportsman licensed under W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or  
16 23-2-201 shall purchase a single conservation stamp for ten  
17 dollars (\$10.00) which shall be valid for one (1) calendar  
18 year and in the possession of any person exercising rights  
19 under any fishing or hunting license issued pursuant to  
20 W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-107 or 23-2-201. Holders of pioneer  
21 licenses as defined under W.S. 23-1-705(d) and (e), of  
22 special limited fishing permits issued under W.S. 23-2-207  
23 and holders of licenses only under W.S. 23-2-101(j)(v) and  
24 (vi), ~~and~~ 23-2-201(d)(vi) and (vii) and 23-2-201(f) are

1 exempt from the provisions of this section. Revenues  
2 collected from the sale of each stamp under this subsection  
3 shall be deposited as follows:

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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