

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. 0083

ENROLLED ACT NO. 26, SENATE

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2003 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

(a) Any qualified person may purchase a fishing license from the department or its authorized selling agents. Purchase of a license entitles the licensee to take any fish of Wyoming at the time, in a place, in a manner and in an amount as provided by law and the orders of the commission. At the time of application for a resident license under this section, the applicant shall provide a valid Wyoming driver's license or a copy thereof, or other proof of residency. The commission shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations stating what proof of residency is required so that only bona fide Wyoming residents, as defined in W.S. 23-1-102(a)(ix), receive resident licenses. For purposes of purchasing a lifetime resident license under subsection (d) of this section and except for the resident disabled veteran's lifetime license issued under subsection (f) of this section, an applicant shall have been a resident as defined in W.S. 23-1-102(a)(ix) continuously for a ten (10) year period immediately preceding the application date.

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(f) Any resident disabled veteran who receives fifty percent (50%) or more service connected disability compensation from the United States department of veteran's affairs may apply to the department for a resident disabled veteran's lifetime fishing license. The license entitles the resident disabled veteran to take any fish within Wyoming at the time, in a place, in a manner and in an amount as provided by law and the orders of the commission. Application shall include proof of residency required under subsection (a) of this section, certification of the applicant's service connected disability and other information required by rule and regulation of the commission. Notwithstanding subsection (a) and paragraph (d)(viii) of this section, a disabled veteran's lifetime fishing license shall be issued to an eligible applicant without payment of any fee.

23-2-306. Conservation stamp; exemptions.

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

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk