

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; imposing conditions; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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

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11 **23-2-201. Fees; restrictions; verification of**
12 **residency required; disabled veteran's lifetime license.**

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14 (a) Any qualified person may purchase a fishing
15 license from the department or its authorized selling
16 agents. Purchase of a license entitles the licensee to take

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

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

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

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

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