

1                           A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to recreational licenses and permits  
3       for military servicemembers and veterans; amending s.  
4       379.353, F.S.; providing free and discounted hunting,  
5       freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses and  
6       permits to certain military servicemembers and  
7       veterans; amending s. 379.3751, F.S.; conforming  
8       provisions to changes made by the act; providing an  
9       effective date.

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11   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13       Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 379.353, Florida  
14   Statutes, is amended to read:

15       379.353 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions from  
16   fees and requirements.—

17       (1)(a) Hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing  
18   licenses and permits shall be issued without fee to a any  
19   resident who is ~~certified or determined~~:

20       1.(a) Certified or determined to be totally and  
21   permanently disabled for purposes of workers' compensation under  
22   chapter 440 as verified by an order of a judge of compensation  
23   claims or written confirmation by the carrier providing workers'  
24   compensation benefits, or to be totally and permanently disabled  
25   by the Railroad Retirement Board, by the United States

26 Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, or by any  
 27 branch of the United States Armed Forces, or who holds a valid  
 28 identification card issued under the provisions of s. 295.17,  
 29 upon proof of such residency and certification or determination  
 30 ~~same~~. Any license issued under this paragraph after January 1,  
 31 1997, expires after 5 years and must be reissued, upon request,  
 32 every 5 years thereafter.

33 2. ~~(b)~~ Certified or determined to be disabled by the United  
 34 States Social Security Administration, upon proof of such  
 35 residency and certification or determination ~~same~~. Any license  
 36 issued under this paragraph after October 1, 1999, expires after  
 37 2 years and must be reissued, upon proof of certification of  
 38 disability, every 2 years thereafter.

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 40 A disability license issued after July 1, 1997, and before July  
 41 1, 2000, retains the rights vested thereunder until the license  
 42 has expired.

43 3. In active military service as defined in s. 115.08,  
 44 upon proof of such residency and active military service.

45 4. An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
 46 Armed Forces, the United States Coast Guard, military reserves,  
 47 the Florida National Guard, or the United States Coast Guard  
 48 Reserve, upon proof of such residency and honorable discharge.

49 (b) Hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing  
 50 licenses and permits shall be issued at a 50 percent discount to

51 a nonresident of the state who is:

52 1. In active military service as defined in s. 115.08,  
 53 upon proof of such active military service.

54 2. An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
 55 Armed Forces, the United States Coast Guard, military reserves,  
 56 the Florida National Guard, or the United States Coast Guard  
 57 Reserve, upon proof of such honorable discharge.

58 Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section  
 59 379.3751, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

60 379.3751 Taking and possession of alligators; trapping  
 61 licenses; fees.—

62 (1)

63 (f) An alligator trapping license or alligator trapping  
 64 agent license shall be issued without fee to a ~~any disabled~~  
 65 resident who meets the requirements of s. 379.353(1)(a) ~~s.~~  
 66 ~~379.353(1)~~.

67 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.