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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; exempting disabled veterans from watercraft fees;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.415, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 12. Disabled veterans. (a) The watercraft license fee for watercraft owned by a
1.8 veteran with a 100 percent service-connected disability is \$0. A veteran with a 100 percent
1.9 service-connected disability must not be charged a fee to register a watercraft or to transfer
1.10 or duplicate a watercraft license and is not required to pay a watercraft surcharge or registrar's
1.11 fee under this section.

1.12 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran with a 100 percent service-connected
1.13 disability" means a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, who provides satisfactory evidence
1.14 to the commissioner of natural resources demonstrating that the veteran has a 100 percent
1.15 service-connected disability rating as adjudicated by the United States Department of
1.16 Veterans Affairs or the retirement board of one of the several branches of the armed forces.