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H. F. No. 3611

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to military veterans; authorizing angling and hunting licenses to be
1.3 issued without a fee to certain disabled veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2014, section 97A.441, subdivisions 5, 6, 6a, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.441, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Angling; disabled veterans.** ~~(a) Upon being furnished satisfactory~~
1.8 ~~evidence as described in subdivision 6b, a person authorized to issue licenses must issue,~~
1.9 ~~without a fee, a permanent license to take fish by angling to a resident who is a veteran,~~
1.10 ~~as defined in section 197.447, and that has a 100 percent service-connected disability as~~
1.11 ~~defined by the United States Veterans Administration upon being furnished satisfactory~~
1.12 ~~evidene~~ who has received a service-connected disability compensation rating of 50
1.13 percent or more as adjudicated by the United States Veterans Administration, or by the
1.14 retirement board of one of the several branches of the armed forces.

1.15 ~~(b) A driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the designation under~~
1.16 ~~section 171.07, subdivision 15, paragraph (a), clause (2), serves as satisfactory evidence to~~
1.17 ~~obtain a license under this subdivision at all agent locations.~~

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.441, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 6. **Taking deer; disabled veterans.** ~~(a) Upon being furnished satisfactory~~
1.20 ~~evidence as described in subdivision 6b, a person authorized to issue licenses must issue,~~
1.21 ~~without a fee, a license~~ licenses ~~to take deer with firearms or~~ and by archery ~~to a resident~~
1.22 ~~that is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, and that has a 100 percent service-connected~~
1.23 ~~disability as defined by the United States Veterans Administration upon being furnished~~

2.1 ~~satisfactory evidence~~ who has received a service-connected disability compensation rating
 2.2 of 50 percent or more as adjudicated by the United States Veterans Administration, or by
 2.3 the retirement board of one of the several branches of the armed forces.

2.4 ~~(b) The commissioner, upon request, must issue a permanent card documenting~~
 2.5 ~~satisfactory evidence of 100 percent permanently disabled status.~~

2.6 ~~(c) The following serve as satisfactory evidence to obtain a license under this~~
 2.7 ~~subdivision at all agent locations:~~

2.8 ~~(1) a card issued under paragraph (b); or~~

2.9 ~~(2) a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the designation under~~
 2.10 ~~section 171.07, subdivision 15, paragraph (a), clause (2).~~

2.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.441, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 6a. **Taking small game; disabled veterans.** (a) Upon being furnished
 2.13 satisfactory evidence as described in subdivision 6b, a person authorized to issue licenses
 2.14 must issue, without a fee, a license to take small game to a resident who is a veteran, as
 2.15 defined in section 197.447, and who has a 100 percent service-connected disability as
 2.16 defined by the United States Veterans Administration upon being furnished satisfactory
 2.17 evidence who has received a service-connected disability compensation rating of 50
 2.18 percent or more as adjudicated by the United States Veterans Administration, or by the
 2.19 retirement board of one of the several branches of the armed forces.

2.20 ~~(b) The commissioner, upon request, must issue a permanent card documenting~~
 2.21 ~~satisfactory evidence of 100 percent permanently disabled status.~~

2.22 ~~(c) The following serve as satisfactory evidence to obtain a license under this~~
 2.23 ~~subdivision at all agent locations:~~

2.24 ~~(1) a card issued under paragraph (b); or~~

2.25 ~~(2) a driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the designation under~~
 2.26 ~~section 171.07, subdivision 15, paragraph (a), clause (2).~~

2.27 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.441, is amended by adding a subdivision
 2.28 to read:

2.29 Subd. 6b. **Satisfactory evidence; disabled veteran.** (a) A veteran who has a
 2.30 service-connected disability compensation rating of 50 percent or more may obtain from
 2.31 the commissioner a permanent card that serves as satisfactory evidence to obtain a license
 2.32 under subdivision 5, 6, or 6a at all agent locations. In order to receive a permanent card, a
 2.33 veteran must:

3.1 (1) request from the commissioner of veterans affairs documentation verifying the
3.2 veteran's disability compensation rating; and

3.3 (2) provide a copy of the documentation issued by the commissioner of veterans
3.4 affairs verifying the veteran's disability compensation rating to the commissioner.

3.5 When a veteran satisfies the requirements of this paragraph, the commissioner shall issue
3.6 the permanent card to the veteran.

3.7 (b) A driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the designation under
3.8 section 171.07, subdivision 15, paragraph (a), clause (2), serves as satisfactory evidence to
3.9 obtain a license under subdivision 5, 6, or 6a at all agent locations.