

HOUSE BILL No. 5031

July 18, 2007, Introduced by Reps. LeBlanc and Sak and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 43537 (MCL 324.43537), as amended by 1996 PA
585.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43537. (1) A resident who is declared legally blind is
2 eligible to purchase a senior restricted or senior all-species
3 fishing license. The department may demand proof of blindness. The
4 licensee, when fishing, shall possess proof of blindness and shall
5 furnish the proof upon the request of a peace officer.

6 (2) A ~~resident who has been determined by the United States~~
7 ~~department of veterans affairs to be permanently and totally~~
8 ~~disabled and entitled to veteran benefits at the 100% rate, for a~~
9 ~~disability other than blindness,~~ **DISABLED VETERAN** is eligible to

1 purchase any senior hunting license ~~as~~ described in section 43535
2 or any senior fishing license described in section 43536, or both.

3 (3) THERE SHALL BE A DISABLED VETERANS FIREARM DEER SEASON ON
4 ALL LANDS IN THIS STATE. THE DISABLED VETERANS FIREARM DEER SEASON
5 SHALL CORRESPOND WITH THE YOUTH FIREARM DEER HUNTING DAYS, IF ANY,
6 ESTABLISHED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION. A DISABLED VETERAN MAY TAKE
7 1 DEER DURING THE DISABLED VETERANS FIREARM DEER SEASON. A DISABLED
8 VETERAN TAKING DEER DURING THIS SEASON SHALL POSSESS A CURRENT
9 FIREARM DEER LICENSE, COMBINATION DEER LICENSE, OR ANTLERLESS DEER
10 LICENSE OR A DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE
11 DISABLED VETERAN TO TAKE A DEER WITH A FIREARM AND ISSUED FOR THE
12 AREA OR LAND UPON WHICH THE VETERAN IS HUNTING.

13 (4) The department may demand proof of eligibility under ~~this~~
14 subsection (2) OR (3). The licensee, when hunting or taking aquatic
15 species, **AS APPLICABLE**, shall possess proof of his or her
16 eligibility under ~~this~~ subsection (2) OR (3) and shall furnish the
17 proof upon the request of a peace officer.

18 (5) ~~(3)~~ The department shall process licenses issued under
19 ~~this section~~ **SUBSECTION (2)** in the same manner as licenses issued
20 to senior citizens for purposes of receiving appropriations from
21 the legislature under section 43546.

22 (6) **AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "DISABLED VETERAN" MEANS A**
23 **RESIDENT WHO HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF**
24 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO BE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED AS A RESULT**
25 **OF MILITARY SERVICE AND ENTITLED TO VETERANS' BENEFITS AT THE 100%**
26 **RATE, FOR A DISABILITY OTHER THAN BLINDNESS.**