

SENATE BILL No. 755

September 6, 2007, Introduced by Senators ALLEN, GARCIA, RICHARDVILLE, BIRKHOZ, PAPPAGEORGE, KAHN, HARDIMAN, JELINEK, VAN WOERKOM, PATTERSON, CROPEY, McMANUS, KUIPERS, OLSHOVE, JANSEN, SWITALSKI, CHERRY, STAMAS, JACOBS, BROWN, BARCIA, GLEASON, WHITMER, SANBORN, ANDERSON, BASHAM, BISHOP, SCHAUER, HUNTER, SCOTT, CLARK-COLEMAN and CLARKE and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

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) **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY**
 7 **RESIDENT HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE UNDER THIS PART FREE OF CHARGE:**

8 **(A) A RESIDENT WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES DURING**

1 WORLD WAR I OR WORLD WAR II.

2 (B) A RESIDENT WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL.

3 (C) A resident who has been determined by the United States
4 department of veterans affairs to be permanently and totally
5 disabled and entitled to veteran benefits at the 100% rate, for a
6 disability other than blindness. ~~, is eligible to purchase any
7 senior hunting license as described in section 43535 or any senior
8 fishing license described in section 43536, or both.~~

9 (3) The department may demand proof of eligibility under this
10 ~~subsection~~**SECTION**. The licensee, when hunting or taking aquatic
11 species, shall possess proof of his or her eligibility under this
12 ~~subsection~~**SECTION** and shall furnish the proof upon the request of
13 a peace officer.

14 (4) ~~(3)~~The department shall process licenses issued under
15 this section in the same manner as licenses issued to senior
16 citizens for purposes of receiving appropriations from the
17 legislature under section 43546.