

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4441

April 20, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Thompson, Bezotte, Smit, Cavitt, Zorn, Filler, St. Germaine, Neyer, Beson, Harris, Prestin, Martin, DeBoyer, Rigas and Roth and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 43537 (MCL 324.43537), as amended by 2013 PA 108.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 43537. (1) ~~Until March 1, 2014, a resident who is~~  
2 ~~declared legally blind is eligible to purchase a senior restricted~~  
3 ~~or senior all-species fishing license. Beginning March 1, 2014, a~~ **A**  
4 resident who is declared legally blind is eligible to purchase a  
5 senior all-species fishing license.

6           (2) A ~~disabled~~ **resident who is a** veteran is eligible to obtain

1 any resident license under this part for which a lottery is not  
2 required free of charge.

3 (3) The department may demand proof of eligibility under  
4 subsection (1) ~~, or~~ (2). ~~, or (4).~~ The licensee, when taking  
5 aquatic species or hunting, shall possess proof of ~~his or her~~ **that**  
6 **individual's** eligibility under subsection (1) ~~, or~~ (2), ~~or (4),~~ as  
7 applicable, and shall furnish the proof upon the request of a peace  
8 officer.

9 (4) The department shall process licenses issued under this  
10 section in the same manner as licenses issued to senior citizens  
11 for purposes of receiving appropriations from the legislature under  
12 section 43546.

13 (5) As used in this section, ~~"disabled"veteran"~~ means ~~either~~  
14 ~~of the following:~~ **that term as defined in section 1 of 1965 PA 190,**  
15 **MCL 35.61.**

16 ~~(a) A resident who has been determined by the United States~~  
17 ~~department of veterans affairs to be permanently and totally~~  
18 ~~disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans'~~  
19 ~~benefits at the 100% rate, for a disability other than blindness.~~

20 ~~(b) A resident rated by the United States department of~~  
21 ~~veterans affairs as individually unemployable.~~