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HOUSE BILL NO. 120

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 29.1-302 and 29.1-302.02 of the Code of Virginia, relating to hunting and fishing license for disabled veterans.*

Patrons—Wyatt, Avoli and Cherry

Committee Referral Pending

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That §§ 29.1-302 and 29.1-302.02 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**
§ 29.1-302. Special license for certain resident disabled veterans.

Any resident veteran who is totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs may apply for and receive at no cost from the Department a nontransferable license pursuant to 4VAC15-20-65, valid for life, permitting the veteran to hunt and freshwater fish, or to hunt only or to freshwater fish only, depending on which license is purchased, on any property in the Commonwealth according to restrictions and regulations of law. However, this license shall not entitle the owner to fish in designated waters stocked with trout by the Department or other public body.

B. The cost for a license under this section shall be:

1. For a resident veteran rated as totally and permanently disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, no cost;
2. For a resident veteran rated 70 percent or more disabled, but less than totally and permanently disabled, by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, \$50;
3. For a resident veteran rated 50 percent or more disabled, but less than 70 percent disabled, by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, \$75; and
4. For a resident veteran rated 30 percent or more disabled, but less than 50 percent disabled, by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, \$100.

§ 29.1-302.02. Special resident and nonresident hunting and fishing licenses for partially disabled veterans.

A. Any ~~resident~~ nonresident veteran who is rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having at least a 70 percent service-connected disability, upon certification, shall pay an amount equal to one-half the fee for the state ~~resident nonresident~~ basic hunting license required by subdivision 2 3 of § 29.1-303. ~~Any nonresident veteran who is similarly rated, upon certification, shall pay an amount equal to one-half the fee for the state nonresident license required by subdivision 3 of § 29.1-303.~~ The license fees established by this section may be revised by the Board pursuant to § 29.1-103.

B. Any ~~resident~~ nonresident veteran who is rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having at least a 70 percent service-connected disability, upon certification, shall pay an amount equal to one-half the fee for the state ~~resident nonresident~~ basic fishing license required by subdivision A 2 3 of § 29.1-310. ~~Any nonresident veteran who is similarly rated, upon certification, shall pay an amount equal to one-half the fee for the state nonresident license required by subdivision A 3 of § 29.1-310.~~ The license fees established by this section may be revised by the Board pursuant to § 29.1-103.

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