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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for certain retired members of NJ National Guard.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses,
2 and amending P.L.1993, c.303.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1993, c.303 (C.23:3-1e) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
10 contrary, no fee, including application fees and issuance fees, may
11 be charged of an applicant for a license, permit, stamp, tag, or
12 certificate to hunt, fish, trap, or otherwise lawfully take fish, game,
13 or any other wildlife in the State, who is :

14 (1) an active member of the New Jersey National Guard who has
15 completed Initial Active Duty Training **【or who is】** ;

16 (2) a retired member of the New Jersey National Guard and
17 residing in the State; or

18 (3) a disabled veteran.

19 The Division of Fish and Wildlife shall prescribe by regulation
20 the types of evidence that may be used to qualify persons for the
21 benefits of this section.

22 b. As used in this act:

23 "Disabled veteran" means any resident of the State who has been
24 honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances
25 from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United
26 States and who has been declared by the United States Department
27 of Veterans Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected
28 disability of any degree; and

29 "Initial Active Duty Training" means Basic Military Training,
30 for members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, and Basic
31 Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, for members
32 of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

33 (cf: P.L.1999, c.282, s.5)

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35 2. Section 2 of P.L.1993, c.303 (C.23:3-1f) is amended to read
36 as follows:

37 2. At the end of each fiscal year, the Director of the Division of
38 Fish **【, Game】** and Wildlife shall certify to the Director of the
39 Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the
40 Treasury the amount that the "hunters' and anglers' license fund"
41 has been reduced as a result of any license issued without charge
42 pursuant to section 1 of **【this act】** P.L.1993, c.303 (C.23:3-1e). An
43 amount equal to the amount certified shall be appropriated each
44 year from the General Fund to the "hunters' and anglers' license

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】 in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 fund" for additional operating costs.
2 (cf: P.L.1993, c.303, s.2)

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4 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill would authorize free hunting, fishing, and trapping
10 licenses for retired New Jersey National Guard personnel who
11 reside in the State.

12 Under current law, this benefit is provided to active members of
13 the New Jersey National Guard who have completed Initial Active
14 Duty Training and to disabled veterans.