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S.32

Introduced by Senators Hardy, Beck, Heffernan, Watson and Williams

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife; fishing; free license; persons with developmental
disabilities

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide a free
permanent fishing license to Vermont residents who are persons with
developmental disabilities.

An act relating to providing a free fishing license to persons with
developmental disabilities

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c) is amended to read:

(c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the
Department by a person qualifying as follows:

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(2) A person who is legally blind who is a Vermont resident may receive
a free permanent fishing license upon submittal of proper proof of blindness as
the Commissioner shall require. A person who is legally blind who is a

1 resident in a state that provides a reciprocal privilege for Vermont residents
2 may receive a free one-year fishing license.

3 (3) A Vermont resident with paraplegia as defined in subdivision
4 4001(30) of this title or a permanent, severe, physical mobility disability
5 certified by a physician may receive a free permanent fishing license or, if the
6 person qualifies for a hunting license, a free combination hunting and fishing
7 license. A person with paraplegia or a person certified by a physician to have
8 permanent, severe, physical mobility disability who is a resident of a state that
9 provides a reciprocal privilege for Vermont residents may receive a free one-
10 year fishing license or, if the person qualifies for a hunting license, a free one-
11 year combination fishing and hunting license.

12 (4) A Vermont resident who is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and
13 who is, or ever has been, 60 percent disabled as a result of a service-connected
14 disability may receive a free fishing, hunting, or combination hunting and
15 fishing license that shall include all big game licenses, except for a moose
16 license, upon presentation of a certificate issued by the veterans'
17 administration so certifying. A resident of a state that provides a reciprocal
18 privilege for Vermont veterans and who would qualify for a free license under
19 this subdivision if the person were a Vermont resident may receive a free one-
20 year fishing, hunting, or combination hunting and fishing license.

