

1 HB211
2 157140-4
3 By Representative Clouse
4 RFD: Agriculture and Forestry
5 First Read: 14-JAN-14

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 To establish a special disabled veteran's hunting
9 license for veterans showing proof of one hundred percent,
10 service-connected, permanent and total disability; and for
11 this purpose amending Section 9-11-44, Code of Alabama 1975.
12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. Section 9-11-44 of the Code of Alabama
14 1975, is amended to read as follows:

15 "§9-11-44.

16 "(a) Any person who is age 16 years or older, but
17 who has not reached 65 years of age, who has resided in
18 Alabama continuously for a period of not less than 90 days
19 next preceding, and who is not serving as a member of the
20 Armed Forces of the United States of America during any period
21 of time in which the United States of America is in a state of
22 war, as declared by an act of Congress, shall procure an
23 annual resident all-game hunting license before the person is
24 entitled to hunt in this state by filing an application with
25 the person in any county of the state duly authorized to issue
26 the license, stating his or her name, age, place of residence,
27 post office address, and after paying to the person issuing

1 the license a license fee of twenty-three dollars (\$23), plus
2 an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1), which fees shall be
3 subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. Any
4 Alabama resident age 16 through 64 years, in lieu of
5 purchasing the resident all-game hunting license may procure
6 an annual resident small game hunting license to hunt all
7 legal game in this state except deer and turkey. The license
8 fee shall be fifteen dollars (\$15), plus an issuance fee of
9 one dollar (\$1), which fees shall be subject to adjustment as
10 provided for in Section 9-11-68. Notwithstanding the
11 foregoing, a member of the United States military stationed in
12 Alabama on active duty, and his or her spouse and their
13 dependents who reside with them, shall be deemed to be Alabama
14 residents for the purposes of procuring these licenses.
15 Notwithstanding the foregoing, effective with the license year
16 beginning September 1, 2013, U.S. military veterans otherwise
17 meeting the requirements of this section who are certified by
18 the U.S. Veterans' Administration as 50 percent or more
19 physically disabled shall be entitled to purchase an
20 alternative resident hunting license to be known as the
21 Physically Disabled Military Veteran's Appreciation Hunting
22 License for one-half of the cost of the annual resident
23 all-game hunting license plus the applicable issuance fee.
24 Notwithstanding the foregoing, effective with the license year
25 beginning September 1, 2014, U.S. military veterans otherwise
26 meeting the requirements of this section who are certified by
27 the U.S. Veterans' Administration as 100 percent,

1 service-connected, permanently and totally disabled shall be
2 entitled to purchase an alternative resident hunting license
3 to be known as the 100 Percent Disabled Military Veteran's
4 Appreciation Hunting License for a license fee of two dollars
5 (\$2), plus the applicable issuance fee, which fees shall be
6 subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68.

7 Persons obtaining the resident all-game hunting license or the
8 resident small game hunting license shall also be entitled to
9 all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage license.

10 "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any
11 resident 64 years of age procuring a state resident hunting
12 license pursuant to this section shall be issued the license
13 on a lifetime basis. License fees from the sale of a lifetime
14 license pursuant to this subsection to a resident age 64 years
15 shall be deposited to the credit of the Alabama Game and Fish
16 Endowment Fund within the Game and Fish Fund.

17 "(c) All persons making application for an annual
18 state hunting license as provided in this section shall
19 present a valid Alabama driver license or, in the case of
20 nondrivers, proof of permanent residence. All licenses
21 required by this section shall bear the Alabama driver license
22 number of the licensee, except in the case of nondrivers and
23 active duty military personnel stationed in Alabama and their
24 spouses and dependents who reside with them, and all licenses
25 shall bear proof of residence as required by the Commissioner
26 of Conservation and Natural Resources. Active duty military
27 personnel stationed in Alabama and their spouses and

1 dependents who reside with them shall provide military orders
2 that assign them to Alabama. Every person who obtains an
3 annual hunting license without presenting a valid Alabama
4 driver license or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of
5 permanent residence, or who provides any false information in
6 the process of procuring the license, shall be guilty of a
7 Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.

8 "(d) The licenses required by this section shall not
9 apply to any resident or resident member of his or her
10 immediate family who hunts on lands owned by him or her, nor
11 shall it include any tenant or member of his or her immediate
12 family who hunts on lands leased or rented by the tenant and
13 who resides on the lands, nor any resident of this state on
14 active military duty who is in this state on leave and who has
15 proof of that status in his or her possession.

16 "(e) All persons under the age of 16 years shall be
17 exempted from the requirement of procuring the licenses. Any
18 resident of this state 65 years of age and older shall be
19 exempted from the requirement of procuring a hunting license
20 as provided for in this section, provided that the resident
21 has on his or her person while hunting, proof of age, or, in
22 the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent Alabama residence
23 and age.

24 "(f) The licenses shall not be transferable, and it
25 shall be unlawful to borrow, lend, or alter any license, or
26 for any license-issuing officer to falsify any license at the
27 time of issuing the license. A violation of this subsection

1 shall constitute a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided
2 by law.

3 "(g) There shall be provided on the license form for
4 the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option
5 whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an
6 additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Wildlife and
7 Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on wildlife
8 and wildlife habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of
9 Conservation and Natural Resources."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 97, Nays 0, Abstains 0

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Clerk