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3 HOUSE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
4 HB 40

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9 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Department of
10 Conservation and Natural Resources does not offer a
11 lifetime hunting or fishing license to disabled
12 U.S. military veterans for a reduced price.

13 This bill would authorize the Department of
14 Conservation and Natural Resources to issue
15 lifetime hunting and fishing licenses to qualified
16 disabled U.S. military veterans who reside in
17 Alabama at a reduced price.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to the Department of Conservation and
24 Natural Resources; to add Section 9-11-65.3 to the Code of
25 Alabama 1975, to authorize the Department of Conservation and
26 Natural Resources to issue lifetime hunting, freshwater
27 fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses to disabled U.S.

1 military veterans who are residents of this state and to
2 establish fees, qualifications, and conditions for the
3 licenses.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Section 1. Section 9-11-65.3 is added to
6 the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

7 § 9-11-65.3.

8 (a) Effective beginning with the license year
9 commencing on September 1, 2020, the Department of
10 Conservation and Natural Resources may issue resident lifetime
11 hunting and fishing licenses to disabled U.S. military
12 veterans subject to the fees, qualifications, and conditions
13 in this section.

14 (b) Hunting License.

15 (1) A U.S. military veteran who is certified by the
16 U.S. Veterans Administration as 40 percent or more physically
17 disabled and who meets the residency requirements of Section
18 9-11-44 may in lieu of purchasing an annual hunting license
19 purchase a lifetime disabled military veteran's appreciation
20 hunting license for the following applicable fee:

21 a. Disabled military veterans less than 50 years old
22 - \$45.

23 b. Disabled military veterans 50 years old or older
24 - \$45.

25 (2) A U.S. military veteran who is certified by the
26 U.S. Veterans Administration as 100 percent, service-connected
27 permanently and totally disabled and who meets the residency

1 requirements of Section 9-11-44, in lieu of purchasing an
2 annual hunting license, may request and be issued a lifetime
3 resident 100 percent disabled military veteran's appreciation
4 hunting license without payment of a license fee.

5 (c) Freshwater Fishing License.

6 A U.S. military veteran meeting the disability and
7 residency requirements of Section 9-11-53, in lieu of
8 purchasing an annual freshwater fishing license, may request
9 and be issued a lifetime disabled military veteran's
10 appreciation freshwater fishing license without payment of a
11 license fee.

12 (d) Saltwater Fishing License.

13 (1) A U.S. military veteran meeting the disability
14 and residency requirements of Section 9-11-53.1, in lieu of
15 purchasing an annual saltwater fishing license, may request
16 and be issued a lifetime resident disabled military veteran's
17 appreciation saltwater fishing license without the payment of
18 a license fee.

19 (e) Combination License.

20 (1) The Department may offer a combination lifetime
21 license for hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing
22 to disabled military veterans for a total of the applicable
23 license fees listed in this section.

24 (f) In addition to paying any license fee required
25 by this section, an applicant shall pay an issuance fee of one
26 dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) when submitting his or her
27 license application.

1 (g) The license fees and issuance fees prescribed in
2 this section are subject to adjustment pursuant to Section
3 9-11-68.

4 (h) Applications for lifetime licenses authorized by
5 this section shall be filed in the office of the commissioner
6 of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or as
7 otherwise authorized by the commissioner on forms prescribed
8 by the commissioner.

9 (i) Lifetime license issued pursuant to this section
10 are not transferrable.

11 (j) Nonresidents of this state may not be purchase
12 the licenses provided for in this section.

13 (k) The holder of a valid disabled military veterans
14 hunting or disabled military veterans freshwater fishing
15 license shall also be entitled to all of the privileges of the
16 wildlife heritage license.

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