

**HB271 INTRODUCED**



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## 4     SYNOPSIS:

5                   Under existing law, a state resident who is  
6                   totally and permanently disabled and receives  
7                   disability benefits from certain entities may be issued  
8                   an annual special hunting or fishing license from the  
9                   Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a  
10                  reduced fee.

11                  This bill would establish lifetime special  
12                  hunting and fishing licenses for state residents who  
13                  are totally and permanently disabled.

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16                  A BILL

17                  TO BE ENTITLED

18                  AN ACT

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20                  Relating to the Department of Conservation and Natural  
21                  Resources; to add Section 9-11-54.1 to the Code of Alabama  
22                  1975, to establish lifetime disabled state resident special  
23                  hunting and fishing licenses.

24                  BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25                  Section 1. Section 9-11-54.1 is added to the Code of  
26                  Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

27                  §9-11-54.1

28                  (a) Beginning with the 2026 license year, an individual



29 eligible to be issued an annual license under Section 9-11-54  
30 shall be issued a lifetime license in lieu of an annual  
31 license upon application and payment of a fee to the  
32 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as follows:

33 (1)a. Lifetime Disabled Resident Hunting License.

34 1. Individuals who are less than 50 years of age shall  
35 be charged forty-five dollars (\$45) for a lifetime disabled  
36 resident hunting license.

37 2. Individuals who are 50 years of age or older shall  
38 be charged twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a lifetime disabled  
39 resident hunting license.

40 b. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
41 deposited into the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund.

42 (2)a. Lifetime Disabled Freshwater Fishing License.

43 1. Individuals who are less than 50 years of age shall  
44 be charged forty-five dollars (\$45) for a lifetime disabled  
45 resident freshwater fishing license.

46 2. Individuals who are 50 years of age or older shall  
47 be charged twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a lifetime disabled  
48 resident freshwater fishing license.

49 b. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
50 deposited into the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund.

51 (3)a. Lifetime Disabled Resident Saltwater Fishing  
52 License.

53 1. Individuals who are less than 50 years of age shall  
54 be charged forty-five dollars (\$45) for a lifetime disabled  
55 resident saltwater fishing license.

56 2. Individuals who are 50 years of age or older shall



57 be charged twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a lifetime disabled  
58 resident saltwater fishing license.

59                   b. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
60 deposited into the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.

61                   (b) The department may charge an issuance fee of one  
62 dollar (\$1) for a license, including a combination of  
63 licenses, issued pursuant to this section.

64                   (c) The fees provided in this section are subject to  
65 adjustment pursuant to Sections 9-11-68 and 9-11-69.

66                   (d) Applications for a license pursuant to this section  
67 shall be filed in the office of the Commissioner of the  
68 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, or as  
69 otherwise authorized by the commissioner, on forms prescribed  
70 by the commissioner.

71                   (e) A license issued pursuant to this section is not  
72 transferable.

73                   (f) A holder of a valid lifetime disabled resident  
74 hunting or freshwater fishing license shall be entitled to all  
75 of the privileges of a wildlife heritage license.

76                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
77 1, 2026.