

SENATE, No. 4773

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
222nd LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Adjusts State residency requirement for free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, stamps, and permits for disabled veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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

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

10 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
11 no fee, including application fees and issuance fees, may be charged
12 of an applicant for a license, permit, stamp, tag, or certificate to
13 hunt, fish, trap, or otherwise lawfully take fish, game, or any other
14 wildlife in the State, who is an active member of the New Jersey
15 National Guard who has completed Initial Active Duty Training or
16 who is a resident disabled veteran or a disabled veteran who is a
17 resident of a state that provides a similar benefit for New Jersey
18 disabled veterans.

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]** P.L.1993, c.303 (C.23:3-1e et seq.):

23 "Disabled veteran" means any **[resident of the State]** person who
24 has been honorably discharged or released under honorable
25 circumstances from active service in any branch of the Armed
26 Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the
27 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or its successor, to
28 have a service-connected 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. This act shall take effect immediately.

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38 STATEMENT

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40 This bill makes free hunting and fishing licenses, stamps, and
41 permits to disabled veterans who are a resident of a state that
42 provides a similar benefit to New Jersey disabled veterans. Under
43 current law, only disabled veterans who are residents of New Jersey
44 are exempt from fees for the licenses, stamps, and permits. To
45 qualify under the act for a fee exemption a veteran must have been

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.

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- 1 honorably discharged from the military and have a service-
- 2 connected disability recognized by the United States Department of
- 3 Veteran Affairs or it's successor.