

# HOUSE BILL No. 5292

January 26, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Hughes, Yonker, Irwin, Ouimet, LaFontaine, Kurtz, Walsh, Heise, Hooker, Daley, Opsommer, Cotter, Outman, Tyler, Goike, Muxlow, Damrow, Callton, Somerville, Knollenberg, Franz, Haines, Bumstead, Glardon, Nesbitt, Agema, Zorn, Denby, Rendon, Rutledge, Horn, MacMaster, O'Brien, Crawford, Huuki, Price, Jacobsen, MacGregor, Rogers, Lund, Wayne Schmidt, Pscholka, Haveman, Lyons, Hobbs, Gilbert, Lori, Pettalia, Forlini, Olson and McBroom and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 43537 (MCL 324.43537), as amended by 2007 PA 60.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 43537. (1) A resident who is declared legally blind is  
2 eligible to purchase a senior restricted or senior all-species  
3 fishing license. ~~The department may demand proof of blindness. The~~  
4 ~~licensee, when fishing, shall possess proof of blindness and shall~~  
5 ~~furnish the proof upon the request of a peace officer.~~

6           (2) A disabled veteran is eligible to ~~purchase any senior~~  
7 ~~hunting license described in section 43535 or any senior fishing~~  
8 ~~license described in section 43536, or both.~~ **OBTAIN ANY RESIDENT**  
9 **LICENSE UNDER THIS PART FREE OF CHARGE.**

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~~1 (3) As a pilot project for 2007, there shall be a disabled  
 2 veterans firearm deer season in at least 3 areas of this state,  
 3 including Marquette county and deer management units 053 and 064.  
 4 The disabled veterans firearm deer season shall correspond with the  
 5 youth firearm deer hunting days, if any, established by order of  
 6 the commission. A disabled veteran may take 1 deer during the  
 7 disabled veterans firearm deer season. A disabled veteran taking  
 8 deer during this season shall possess a current firearm deer  
 9 license, combination deer license, or antlerless deer license or a  
 10 deer management assistance permit authorizing the disabled veteran  
 11 to take a deer with a firearm and issued for the area or land upon  
 12 which the veteran is hunting. The same kind of deer may be taken  
 13 during the disabled veterans firearm deer season as during the  
 14 regular November firearm deer season. This subsection does not  
 15 limit the authority of the commission under section 40113a to  
 16 establish a special hunting season in any area of this state for  
 17 veterans with disabilities or other classes of individuals.~~

18 (3) ~~(4)~~The department may demand proof of eligibility under  
 19 subsection **(1) OR (2)**. ~~or (3)~~. The licensee, when ~~hunting or taking~~  
 20 aquatic species, ~~as applicable~~ **OR HUNTING**, shall possess proof of  
 21 his or her eligibility under subsection **(1) OR (2)**, ~~or (3)~~ **AS**  
 22 **APPLICABLE**, and shall furnish the proof upon the request of a peace  
 23 officer.

24 (4) ~~(5)~~The department shall process licenses issued under  
 25 subsection ~~(2)~~ **THIS SECTION** in the same manner as licenses issued  
 26 to senior citizens for purposes of receiving appropriations from  
 27 the legislature under section 43546.

1           (5) ~~(6)~~—As used in this section, "disabled veteran" means  
2 either of the following:

3           (a) A resident who has been determined by the United States  
4 department of veterans affairs to be permanently and totally  
5 disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans'  
6 benefits at the 100% rate, for a disability other than blindness.

7           (b) A resident rated by the United States department of  
8 veterans affairs as individually unemployable.