Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	HB880		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled

- 2. Patron: Sickles
- **3.** Committee: Passed both houses.
- **4. Title:** Fishing license, special; established for partially disabled veterans.
- **5. Summary:** This bill establishes a special fishing license for resident and nonresident veterans who have a service-connected disability of at least 70 percent as rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The resident veterans will pay one-half the cost of the annual state resident basic fishing license and the nonresident veterans will pay one-half the cost of the state nonresident basic fishing license.

Currently, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries issues a reduced rate fishing license to veterans who have been designated by the U. S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs to have 100% disability. This bill will reduce the degree of physical impairment to 70%. Last year, a similar law was enacted that allowed partially disabled resident and nonresident veterans to obtain the basic hunting license at one-half the cost.

- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See item 8.
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** The reduction in the license fee for this population will result in a revenue loss to the department; however, the loss is not expected to be significant.
- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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