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## HOUSE BILL NO. 115

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 29.1-302 and 29.1-302.02 of the Code of Virginia, relating to hunting and fishing licenses; disabled veterans.

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That §§ 29.1-302 and 29.1-302.02 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 29.1-302. Special license for certain resident disabled veterans.**

Any resident veteran who is ~~totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability as certified is rated~~ by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ~~as having at least a 50 percent service-connected disability~~ may apply for and receive at no cost from the Department a nontransferable license pursuant to 4VAC15-20-65, valid for life, permitting the veteran to hunt and freshwater fish, or to hunt only or to freshwater fish only, depending on which license is purchased, on any property in the Commonwealth according to restrictions and regulations of law. However, this license shall not entitle the owner to fish in designated waters stocked with trout by the Department or other public body.

**§ 29.1-302.02. Special nonresident hunting and fishing licenses for partially disabled veterans.**

A. Any ~~resident~~ *nonresident* veteran who is rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having at least a 70 percent service-connected disability, upon certification, shall pay an amount equal to one-half the fee for the ~~state resident basic hunting license required by subdivision 2 of § 29.1-303.~~ Any ~~nonresident veteran who is similarly rated, upon certification, shall pay an amount equal to one-half the fee for the state nonresident license required by subdivision 3 of § 29.1-303.~~ The license fees established by this section may be revised by the Board pursuant to § 29.1-103.

B. Any ~~resident~~ *nonresident* veteran who is rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having at least a 70 percent service-connected disability, upon certification, shall pay an amount equal to one-half the fee for the ~~state resident basic fishing license required by subdivision A 2 of § 29.1-310.~~ Any ~~nonresident veteran who is similarly rated, upon certification, shall pay an amount equal to one-half the fee for the state nonresident license required by subdivision A 3 of § 29.1-310.~~ The license fees established by this section may be revised by the Board pursuant to § 29.1-103.

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