

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 810

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 29.1-302 and 29.1-302.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

[H 419]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 29.1-302 and 29.1-302.1 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 has a permanent and total service-connected disability as certified by the Veterans' Administration ~~or who qualifies under § 46.2-739 for special license plates as certified by the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles~~, upon certification and payment of a five-dollar fee, may apply for and receive from the Department a nontransferable license, valid for life, permitting the veteran to hunt and fish 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.

§ 29.1-302.1. Special lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for residents and nonresidents.

A. Any resident or nonresident individual may apply for and receive from the Department, after payment of the appropriate fee, any of the following lifetime licenses which shall be valid for the life of the individual, nontransferable, and permit the person to engage in the licensed activity on any property in the Commonwealth according to restrictions and regulations of law:

1. A basic resident lifetime hunting license, to be obtained for a fee of \$250.
2. A basic resident lifetime fishing license, to be obtained for a fee of \$250.
3. A basic nonresident lifetime hunting license, to be obtained for a fee of \$500.
4. A basic nonresident lifetime fishing license, to be obtained for a fee of \$500.

Such basic lifetime hunting licenses shall serve in lieu of the state resident hunting license as provided for in subdivision 2 of § 29.1-303, or state nonresident hunting license as provided for in subdivision 3 of § 29.1-303. Such basic lifetime fishing licenses shall serve in lieu of the state resident fishing license as provided for in subdivision A 2 of § 29.1-310 or state nonresident fishing license as provided for in subdivision A 3 of § 29.1-310.

B. Applications for all lifetime hunting and fishing licenses authorized by this section shall be made to the Department. The form and issuance of such a license shall conform to the provisions of this chapter for all licenses.

Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all money credited to, held by, or to be received by the Department from the sale of licenses authorized by this section shall be consolidated and placed in the Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Endowment Fund established in § 29.1-101.1.

C. Any resident who is permanently disabled, as defined in § 58.1-3217, who applies for either of the resident lifetime licenses authorized by this section shall receive such a license for a fee of five dollars. The applicant shall provide proof of permanent disability acceptable to the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

D. Any resident sixty-five years of age or older who applies for either of the resident lifetime licenses authorized by this section shall receive such a license for a fee of ten dollars.