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To amend section 1533.12 of the Revised Code to 1
require free hunting, trapping, and fishing 2
licenses, permits, and stamps for veterans. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 1533.12 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 1533.12. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division 6
(A)(2) of this section, every person on active duty in the armed 7
forces of the United States who is stationed in this state and who 8
wishes to engage in an activity for which a license, permit, or 9
stamp is required under this chapter first shall obtain the 10
requisite license, permit, or stamp. Such a person is eligible to 11
obtain a resident hunting or fishing license regardless of whether 12
the person qualifies as a resident of this state. To obtain a 13
resident hunting or fishing license, the person shall present a 14
card or other evidence identifying the person as being on active 15
duty in the armed forces of the United States and as being 16
stationed in this state. 17

(2) Every person on active duty in the armed forces of the 18
United States, while on leave or furlough, may take or catch fish 19

of the kind lawfully permitted to be taken or caught within the 20
state, may hunt any wild bird or wild quadruped lawfully permitted 21
to be hunted within the state, and may trap fur-bearing animals 22
lawfully permitted to be trapped within the state, without 23
procuring a fishing license, a hunting license, a fur taker 24
permit, or a wetlands habitat stamp required by this chapter, 25
provided that the person shall carry on the person when fishing, 26
hunting, or trapping, a card or other evidence identifying the 27
person as being on active duty in the armed forces of the United 28
States, and provided that the person is not otherwise violating 29
any of the hunting, fishing, and trapping laws of this state. 30

In order to hunt deer or wild turkey, any such person shall 31
obtain a deer or wild turkey permit, as applicable, under section 32
1533.11 of the Revised Code. However, the person need not obtain a 33
hunting license in order to obtain such a permit. 34

(B) The chief of the division of wildlife shall provide by 35
rule adopted under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code all of the 36
following: 37

(1) Every resident of this state ~~with a disability that has~~ 38
~~been determined by the veterans administration to be permanently~~ 39
~~and totally disabling, who receives a pension or compensation from~~ 40
~~the veterans administration, and~~ who received an honorable 41
discharge from the armed forces of the United States, ~~and every~~ 42
~~veteran to whom the registrar of motor vehicles has issued a set~~ 43
~~of license plates under section 4503.41 of the Revised Code,~~ shall 44
be issued a fishing license, hunting license, fur taker permit, 45
deer or wild turkey permit, or wetlands habitat stamp, or any 46
combination of those licenses, permits, and stamp, free of charge 47
on an annual, multi-year, or lifetime basis as determined 48
appropriate by the chief when application is made to the chief in 49
the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief. 50

(2) Every resident of the state who was born on or before 51

December 31, 1937, shall be issued an annual fishing license, 52
hunting license, fur taker permit, deer or wild turkey permit, or 53
wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of those licenses, 54
permits, and stamp, free of charge when application is made to the 55
chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the 56
chief. 57

(3) Every resident of state or county institutions, 58
charitable institutions, and military homes in this state shall be 59
issued an annual fishing license free of charge when application 60
is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms 61
provided by the chief. 62

(4) Any mobility impaired or blind person, as defined in 63
section 955.011 of the Revised Code, who is a resident of this 64
state and who is unable to engage in fishing without the 65
assistance of another person shall be issued an annual fishing 66
license free of charge when application is made to the chief in 67
the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief. The 68
person who is assisting the mobility impaired or blind person may 69
assist in taking or catching fish of the kind permitted to be 70
taken or caught without procuring the license required under 71
section 1533.32 of the Revised Code, provided that only one line 72
is used by both persons. 73

~~(5) As used in division (B)(5) of this section, "prisoner of 74
war" means any regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or 75
inducted member of the military forces of the United States who 76
was captured, separated, and incarcerated by an enemy of the 77
United States. 78~~

~~Any person who has been a prisoner of war, was honorably 79
discharged from the military forces, and is a resident of this 80
state shall be issued a fishing license, hunting license, fur 81
taker permit, or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of 82
those licenses, permits, and stamp, free of charge on an annual, 83~~

~~multi-year, or lifetime basis as determined appropriate by the~~ 84
~~chief when application is made to the chief in the manner~~ 85
~~prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief.~~ 86

(C) The chief shall adopt rules pursuant to section 1531.08 87
of the Revised Code designating not more than two days, which need 88
not be consecutive, in each year as "free sport fishing days" on 89
which any resident may exercise the privileges accorded the holder 90
of a fishing license issued under section 1533.32 of the Revised 91
Code without procuring such a license, provided that the person is 92
not otherwise violating any of the fishing laws of this state. 93

Section 2. That existing section 1533.12 of the Revised Code 94
is hereby repealed. 95