

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 26, 2012

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1287**

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**Introduced by Senator Harman**  
*(Coauthors: Senators Berryhill, Cannella, and Correa)*  
*(Coauthor: Assembly Member Cook)*

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An act to amend Section ~~14000~~ 7150 of the ~~Government~~ *Fish and Game* Code, relating to ~~state government~~. *fish*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1287, as amended, Harman. ~~State government~~. *Sport fishing licenses*.

*Existing law generally requires a sport fishing license for the taking of a fish, reptile, or amphibian. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game to issue a license, upon payment of a fee, to eligible California residents and nonresidents, as specified. Existing law requires the department to issue a reduced fee license, as specified, to a disabled veteran, as defined.*

*This bill would also require the department to issue a reduced fee license to active military personnel who are recovering service members, as defined, and who demonstrate eligibility, as prescribed.*

~~Existing law provides within state government in the executive department, state departments and state agencies, as defined. Existing law sets forth the powers and duties of state departments and state agencies:~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to a related provision:~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Section 7150 of the Fish and Game Code is*  
2 *amended to read:*

3     7150. (a) Upon application to the department's headquarters  
4 office in Sacramento and payment of a base fee of four dollars  
5 (\$4), as adjusted pursuant to Section 713, the following persons,  
6 who have not been convicted of any violation of this code, shall  
7 be issued a reduced fee sport fishing license that is valid for the  
8 calendar year of issue, or, if issued after the beginning of the year,  
9 for the remainder thereof and that authorizes the licensee to take  
10 any fish, reptile, or amphibians anywhere in this state as otherwise  
11 authorized pursuant to this code and regulations adopted pursuant  
12 thereto for purposes other than profit:

13     (1) A disabled veteran having a 50 percent or greater ~~service~~  
14 ~~connected~~ *service-connected* disability upon presentation of proof  
15 of an honorable discharge from military service and proof of the  
16 disability. Proof of the disability shall be by certification from the  
17 United States Veterans Administration or by presentation of a  
18 license issued pursuant to this paragraph in the preceding license  
19 year.

20     (2) *A member of the military who is a "recovering service*  
21 *member" pursuant to Section 1602(7) of the National Defense*  
22 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181). A*  
23 *person shall be eligible for a reduced fee sport fishing license*  
24 *pursuant to this paragraph upon the submission of a letter, online*  
25 *or in hardcopy, to the department from that person's commanding*  
26 *officer and from a military medical doctor stating that the person*  
27 *is a recovering service member.*

28     ~~(2)~~

29     (3) A person over 65 years of age who is a resident of this state  
30 and whose total monthly income from all sources, including any  
31 old age assistance payments, does not exceed the amount in effect  
32 on September 1 of each year contained in subdivision (c) of Section  
33 12200 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for single persons or  
34 subdivision (d) of Section 12200 of the Welfare and Institutions  
35 Code combined income for married persons, as adjusted pursuant  
36 to that section. The amount in effect on September 1 of each year  
37 shall be the amount used to determine eligibility for a reduced fee  
38 license during the following calendar year.

1 (b) A person applying for a reduced fee sport fishing license  
2 shall submit adequate documentation for the department to  
3 determine whether the applicant is, in fact, eligible for a reduced  
4 fee sport fishing license. The documentation shall be in the form  
5 of a letter or other document, as specified by the department, from  
6 a public agency, except as provided in ~~paragraph~~ *paragraphs* (1)  
7 *and* (2) of subdivision (a). The department shall not issue a reduced  
8 fee sport fishing license to any person unless it is satisfied that the  
9 applicant has provided adequate documentation of eligibility for  
10 that license.

11 (c) The adjustment of the base fee pursuant to Section 713  
12 specified in subdivision (a) shall be applicable to the fishing license  
13 years beginning on or after January 1, 1996.

14 ~~SECTION 1. Section 11000 of the Government Code is~~  
15 ~~amended to read:~~

16 ~~11000. (a) As used in this title, "state agency" includes every~~  
17 ~~state office, officer, department, division, bureau, board, and~~  
18 ~~commission. As used in any section of this title that is added or~~  
19 ~~amended effective on or after January 1, 1997, "state agency" does~~  
20 ~~not include the California State University, unless the section~~  
21 ~~explicitly provides that the section applies to the university.~~

22 ~~(b) References to particular state agencies in this title, without~~  
23 ~~further identification, such as to the "Treasurer" or "Department~~  
24 ~~of General Services," are references to the state officer or agency~~  
25 ~~known by that name.~~