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**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 7150 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1287, as amended, Harman. Sport fishing licenses.

~~Existing law generally requires~~

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

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

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: 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  
14 service-connected disability upon presentation of proof of an  
15 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 *federal* National  
22 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law  
23 110-181). A person shall be eligible for a reduced fee sport fishing  
24 license pursuant to this paragraph upon the submission of a letter,  
25 online or in hardcopy, to the department from that person's  
26 commanding officer ~~and~~ or from a military medical doctor stating  
27 that the person is a recovering service member.

28 (3) A person over 65 years of age who is a resident of this state  
29 and whose total monthly income from all sources, including any  
30 old age assistance payments, does not exceed the amount in effect  
31 on September 1 of each year contained in subdivision (c) of Section  
32 12200 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for single persons or  
33 subdivision (d) of Section 12200 of the Welfare and Institutions  
34 Code combined income for married persons, as adjusted pursuant  
35 to that section. The amount in effect on September 1 of each year  
36 shall be the amount used to determine eligibility for a reduced fee  
37 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 paragraphs (1) and (2) of  
7 subdivision (a). The department shall not issue a reduced fee sport  
8 fishing license to any person unless it is satisfied that the applicant  
9 has provided adequate documentation of eligibility for that license.  
10 (c) The adjustment of the base fee pursuant to Section 713  
11 specified in subdivision (a) shall be applicable to the fishing license  
12 years beginning on or after January 1, 1996.

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