



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 614

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Referred to Committee on

Introduced by:
(ENV)

ENVIRONMENT

AN ACT CONCERNING LIFETIME FISHING LICENSES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 No fee shall be charged for any sport fishing license issued under
4 this chapter to any blind person, and such license shall be a lifetime
5 license not subject to the expiration provisions of section 26-35. Proof
6 of such blindness shall be furnished, in the case of a veteran, by the
7 United States Veterans' Administration and, in the case of any other
8 person, by the State Board of Education of the Blind. For the purpose
9 of this section, a person shall be blind only if his central visual acuity
10 does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his
11 visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation
12 in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field
13 subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.

14 Sec. 2. Section 26-29a of the general statutes is repealed and the
15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

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16 No fee shall be charged for any sport fishing license issued under
 17 this chapter to any [mentally retarded] person with mental retardation,
 18 and such license shall be a lifetime license not subject to the expiration
 19 provisions of section 26-35. Proof of mental retardation shall consist of
 20 a certificate to that effect issued by any person licensed to practice
 21 medicine and surgery in this state.

22 Sec. 3. Section 26-29b of the general statutes is repealed and the
 23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

24 No fee shall be charged for any hunting, sport fishing or trapping
 25 license issued under this chapter to any physically disabled person,
 26 and such license shall be a lifetime license not subject to the expiration
 27 provisions of section 26-35. For the purposes of this section, a
 28 "physically disabled person" is any person whose disability consists of
 29 the loss of one or more limbs or the permanent loss of the use of one or
 30 more limbs. A physically disabled person shall submit to the
 31 commissioner a certification, signed by a licensed physician, of such
 32 disability. No fee shall be charged for any hunting or sport fishing
 33 license issued under this chapter to any physically disabled person
 34 who is not a resident of this state if such person is a resident of a state
 35 in which a physically disabled person from Connecticut will not be
 36 required to pay a fee for a hunting or sport fishing license, and such
 37 license shall be a lifetime license not subject to the expiration
 38 provisions of section 26-35.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2006	26-29
Sec. 2	July 1, 2006	26-29a
Sec. 3	July 1, 2006	26-29b

Statement of Purpose:

To grant free lifetime fishing licenses to blind, mentally retarded and physically disabled persons.

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