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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1226

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Committee: Natural Resources

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-420,
2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for the
3 issuance to certain veterans of a combination hunting and fishing
4 permit and certain stamps; and to repeal the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 37-420, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 37-420 (1) Any veteran who is a legal resident of the State of
4 Nebraska shall, upon application and without payment of any fee, be
5 issued a combination fishing, fur-harvesting, and hunting permit, habitat
6 stamp, aquatic habitat stamp, and Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp if
7 the veteran:

8 (a) Was discharged or separated with a characterization of honorable
9 or general (under honorable conditions); and

10 (b)(i) Is rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
11 as fifty percent or more disabled as a result of service in the armed
12 forces of the United States; or

13 (ii) Is receiving a pension from the department as a result of total
14 and permanent disability, which disability was not incurred in the line
15 of duty in the military service.

16 (2) Any veteran who is a legal resident of the State of Nebraska
17 shall, upon application and with payment of a fee of ninety dollars for a
18 special three-year permit or one hundred thirty-five dollars for a
19 special five-year permit, be issued a combination fishing and hunting
20 permit, habitat stamp, aquatic habitat stamp, and Nebraska migratory
21 waterfowl stamp if the veteran:

22 (a) Was discharged or separated with a characterization of honorable
23 or general (under honorable conditions); and

24 (b) Is rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as
25 ten percent or more disabled as a result of service in the armed forces
26 of the United States.

27 (3) (2) If disabled persons are unable by reason of physical
28 infirmities to hunt and fish in the normal manner, the commission may
29 issue special permits without cost to those persons to hunt and fish from
30 a vehicle, but such permits shall not authorize any person to shoot from
31 any public highway.

1 (4) ~~(3)~~ All permits issued without the payment of any fees pursuant
2 to this section shall be perpetual and become void only upon termination
3 of eligibility as provided in this section.

4 (5) ~~(4)~~ The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and
5 regulations necessary to carry out this section.

6 (6) ~~(5)~~ Permits issued under subdivision (3) of this section as it
7 existed prior to January 1, 2006, shall not expire as provided in
8 subsection (1) of section 37-421.

9 **Sec. 2.** Original section 37-420, Revised Statutes Cumulative
10 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.