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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1226**

Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth,  
31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

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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.