

LEGISLATIVE BILL 138

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1973

Introduced by Richendifer, 16

AN ACT to amend sections 37-214.03 and 37-214.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, relating to game and fish; to provide for perpetual special hunting and fishing permits for disabled veterans; to provide a residency requirement; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 37-214.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, be amended to read as follows:

37-214.03. Any veteran of any war as defined in section 80-401.01, who is a legal resident of the State of Nebraska, and (1) who is rated by the Veterans Administration as fifty per cent or more disabled as a result of service in the armed forces of the United States, (2) who is receiving a pension from the Veterans Administration as a result of total and permanent disability, which disability was not incurred in line of duty in the military service, (3) who served in the armed forces of the United States during the Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Rebellion, or World War I and received an honorable discharge for that service, or (4) who is a veteran as defined in section 80-401.01 and is sixty-five years of age or older and received an honorable discharge for such service shall be exempt from the payment of any fees provided by the laws of the State of Nebraska for the privilege of fishing or hunting in Nebraska, except that such exemption shall not extend to the privilege of commercial fishing or of hunting for deer, antelope, wild turkey, or any other species of fish and game on which the open season is limited to a restricted number of permits, or to special permits for a restricted area or game management unit. If disabled persons are unable by reason of physical infirmities to hunt and fish in the normal manner, the Game and Parks Commission may issue special permits without cost to those persons to hunt and fish from a vehicle, but such permit shall not authorize any person to shoot from any public highway. All permits issued without the payment of any fees pursuant to this section shall be perpetual and become void only upon termination of eligibility of such veteran as provided in this section. The Game and Parks Commission is authorized to

promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. That section 37-214.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, be amended to read as follows:

37-214.04. Any person who is at least seventy years old and a resident of this state shall be exempt from the payment of any fees provided by the laws of the State of Nebraska for the privilege of fishing or hunting in Nebraska, except that such exemption shall not extend to the privilege of commercial fishing or of hunting for deer, antelope, wild turkey, or any other species of fish and game on which the open season is limited to a restricted number of permits, or to special permits for a restricted area or game management unit. If disabled persons are unable by reason of physical infirmities to hunt and fish in the normal manner, the Game and Parks Commission may issue special permits without cost to those persons to hunt and fish from a vehicle, but such permit shall not authorize any person to shoot from any public highway. The Game and Parks Commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 3. That original sections 37-214.03 and 37-214.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1972, are repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.