

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1192

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Regarding license fees under Title 77 RCW for veterans with disabilities.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Short, Blake, Takko, Taylor, Kretz, Crouse, Springer, Chandler, Ryu and Morrell).

**House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources**  
**House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government**  
**Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks**

#### **Background:**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is responsible for issuing hunting and fishing licenses at fees that are set in statute for each license type. These fees generally have a set amount for an adult state resident, and then an elevated price for a non-state resident and a reduced price for a youth participant.

Reduced license prices are also available to certain individuals with disabilities. These individuals may receive a fishing license for \$5 and any of the various state hunting licenses for the price that is charged to a youth participant for that license.

To qualify for one of these reduced rates, the individual must be a Washington resident and satisfy one of the following criteria:

- be an honorably discharged veteran who is at least 65 years old and who has a service-related disability of any kind;
- be an honorably discharged veteran of any age and who has a 30 percent or greater service-related disability; or
- regardless of military service, have a disability that results in the permanent use of a wheelchair, or blindness or another visual impairment; or
- have a developmental disability.

#### **Summary:**

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The lower hunting and fishing license prices available to Washington residents are extended to residents of other states who are veterans with a disability. To qualify, the non-state resident hunter or fisher must satisfy the same requirements for a discounted rate that state resident veterans with a disability must satisfy. These requirements are being an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces and being either:

- age 65 or older with a service-related disability of any kind; or
- any age, with a 30 percent or greater service-related disability.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	97	0
Senate	47	0

**Effective:** February 1, 2014