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Sponsor Testimony – HB 272

Chairman Landis, Vice Chair Hagan, Ranking Member O'Brien, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 272. This legislation would make two changes to Ohio's Hunting and Fishing Laws.

Firstly, the bill would allow for grandchildren to hunt and fish on their grandparents' property without a license. Under current law, a grandchild may hunt or fish on their grandparents' property without a license only up to age 18. Our legislation does away with this arbitrary age restriction. Hunting and fishing are family activities and should be enjoyed as such with as little government intrusion as possible.

The second part of this legislation would allow a partially disabled veteran to receive a free lifetime hunting and fishing license. Under current law, resident veterans with a total disability are awarded a hunting and fishing license free of charge, on an annual, multi-year, or lifetime basis as determined by the Ohio Chief of Wildlife. This bill extends that right to partially disabled veterans as well. The bill defines "a partially disabled veteran" as:

a resident of this state who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States, including reserve components thereof, or of the national guard, who has been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions, and who has received a schedule rating of fifty per cent or more for compensation based on individual unemployability for a service-connected

disability or combination of service-connected disabilities as prescribed in Title 38, Part 4 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.

There are many veterans who have suffered injuries protecting our country. They should not have to be totally disabled before we show our respect and appreciation for their service. This legislation is about respect for Ohio veterans and Ohio families. Representative Householder and I would be happy to answer any questions from the committee.