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A BILL

To amend section 1533.12 of the Revised Code to
allow an individual on active military duty,
while on leave or furlough, to hunt deer or wild
turkey without procuring a deer or wild turkey
permit.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 1533.12 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1533.12. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in
division (A) (2) of this section, every person on active duty in
the armed forces of the United States who is stationed in this
state and who wishes to engage in an activity for which a
license, permit, or stamp is required under this chapter first
shall obtain the requisite license, permit, or stamp. Such a
person is eligible to obtain a resident hunting or fishing
license regardless of whether the person qualifies as a resident
of this state. To obtain a resident hunting or fishing license,
the person shall present a card or other evidence identifying
the person as being on active duty in the armed forces of the

United States and as being stationed in this state. 19

(2) Every person on active duty in the armed forces of the 20
United States, while on leave or furlough, may take or catch 21
fish of the kind lawfully permitted to be taken or caught within 22
the state, may hunt any wild bird or wild quadruped lawfully 23
permitted to be hunted within the state, may hunt deer or wild 24
turkey lawfully permitted to be hunted within the state, and may 25
trap fur-bearing animals lawfully permitted to be trapped within 26
the state, without procuring a fishing license, a hunting 27
license, a deer or wild turkey permit, a fur taker permit, or a 28
wetlands habitat stamp required by this chapter, provided that 29
the person shall carry on the person when fishing, hunting, or 30
trapping, a card or other evidence identifying the person as 31
being on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, 32
and provided that the person is not otherwise violating any of 33
the hunting, fishing, and trapping laws of this state. 34

~~In order to hunt deer or wild turkey, any such person~~ 35
~~shall obtain a deer or wild turkey permit, as applicable, under~~ 36
~~section 1533.11 of the Revised Code. However, the person need~~ 37
~~not obtain a hunting license in order to obtain such a permit.~~ 38

(B) The chief of the division of wildlife shall provide by 39
rule adopted under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code all of 40
the following: 41

(1) Every resident of this state with a disability that 42
has been determined by the veterans administration to be 43
permanently and totally disabling, who receives a pension or 44
compensation from the veterans administration, and who received 45
an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United 46
States, and every veteran to whom the registrar of motor 47
vehicles has issued a set of license plates under section 48

4503.41 of the Revised Code, shall be issued a fishing license, 49
hunting license, fur taker permit, deer or wild turkey permit, 50
or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of those licenses, 51
permits, and stamp, free of charge on an annual, multi-year, or 52
lifetime basis as determined appropriate by the chief when 53
application is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by and 54
on forms provided by the chief. 55

(2) Every resident of the state who was born on or before 56
December 31, 1937, shall be issued an annual fishing license, 57
hunting license, fur taker permit, deer or wild turkey permit, 58
or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of those licenses, 59
permits, and stamp, free of charge when application is made to 60
the chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by 61
the chief. 62

(3) Every resident of state or county institutions, 63
charitable institutions, and military homes in this state shall 64
be issued an annual fishing license free of charge when 65
application is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by and 66
on forms provided by the chief. 67

(4) Any mobility impaired or blind person, as defined in 68
section 955.011 of the Revised Code, who is a resident of this 69
state and who is unable to engage in fishing without the 70
assistance of another person shall be issued an annual fishing 71
license free of charge when application is made to the chief in 72
the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief. The 73
person who is assisting the mobility impaired or blind person 74
may assist in taking or catching fish of the kind permitted to 75
be taken or caught without procuring the license required under 76
section 1533.32 of the Revised Code, provided that only one line 77
is used by both persons. 78

(5) As used in division (B) (5) of this section, "prisoner of war" means any regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or inducted member of the military forces of the United States who was captured, separated, and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States.

Any person who has been a prisoner of war, was honorably discharged from the military forces, and is a resident of this state shall be issued a fishing license, hunting license, fur taker permit, or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of those licenses, permits, and stamp, free of charge on an annual, multi-year, or lifetime basis as determined appropriate by the chief when application is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief.

(C) The chief shall adopt rules pursuant to section 1531.08 of the Revised Code designating not more than two days, which need not be consecutive, in each year as "free sport fishing days" on which any resident may exercise the privileges accorded the holder of a fishing license issued under section 1533.32 of the Revised Code without procuring such a license, provided that the person is not otherwise violating any of the fishing laws of this state.

Section 2. That existing section 1533.12 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.