

House Bill 327

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 hunting licenses, permits, and stamps generally, so as to replace the one-year honorary
3 veterans license with a free lifetime license; to repeal certain provisions relating to honorary
4 and discounted hunting and fishing licenses; to amend Code Section 27-1-2 of the Official
5 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to game and fish, so as to correct
6 a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting licenses,
11 permits, and stamps generally, is amended by revising subparagraph (d)(1)(F) of Code
12 Section 27-2-3.1, relating to sportsman's licenses, as follows:

13 "(F) Type V (Veterans), available only to those individuals who served more than 90
14 days of federal active duty military service and were honorably discharged: ~~80 percent~~
15 ~~of the amount of the fee specified for Type A lifetime sportsman's licenses in~~
16 ~~subparagraph (C) of this paragraph~~ no charge;"

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 27-2-4, relating
19 to honorary and discounted hunting and fishing licenses, as follows:

20 "~~(g)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'returning veteran' means a person who is~~
21 ~~discharged from active duty as a member of the regular or reserve component of the~~
22 ~~United States armed forces, the United States Coast Guard, the Georgia National Guard,~~
23 ~~or the Georgia Air National Guard and who was on ordered federal duty for a period of~~
24 ~~90 days or longer.~~"

25 ~~(2) The department shall issue an honorary hunting and fishing license to any returning~~
 26 ~~veteran which shall entitle him or her to hunt and fish in this state without the payment~~
 27 ~~of fees described in Code Section 27-2-23 for a period of one year following issuance.~~
 28 ~~A returning veteran requesting such an honorary license shall provide proof of his or her~~
 29 ~~discharge. Reserved.~~"

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 Code Section 27-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
 32 relative to game and fish, is amended by revising paragraph (60) as follows:

33 "(60) 'Resident' means any citizen of the United States who has been domiciled within
 34 the State of Georgia for a period of at least three months. For purposes of issuing or
 35 procuring the noncommercial hunting and fishing licenses required by this title, the term
 36 '~~resident~~' shall include full-time military personnel on active duty and the dependents of
 37 such military personnel; provided, however, that requirements for residency as defined
 38 in subparagraph (c)(4)(A) of Code Section 27-2-3.1 shall apply to such military personnel
 39 and their dependents for all lifetime license types listed in Code Section 27-2-3.1 that are
 40 only available to residents. Requirements for residency as defined in subparagraph
 41 (c)(4)(A) of Code Section 27-2-3.1 shall also apply to ~~such military personnel and their~~
 42 ~~dependents for all honorary or discounted license types listed in Code Section 27-2-4 and~~
 43 ~~to the landowner exemption in subsection (b) of Code Section 27-2-1, provided that the~~
 44 ~~domicile requirement shall be a period of at least three months.~~

45 **SECTION 4.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.