

Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 49

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-37.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 37.2. "Catastrophically disabled", for purposes of IC 14-22-11-18, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-22-11-18.**

SECTION 2. IC 14-22-11-18, AS AMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 18. **(a) As used in this section, "catastrophically disabled" has the meaning set forth in 38 CFR 17.36(e) as in effect January 1, 2023.**

~~(a)~~ **(b)** The director may designate not more than four (4) days each year as free hunting days for youth hunters **and catastrophically disabled veterans.**

~~(b)~~ **(c)** During a free hunting day for youth hunters **and catastrophically disabled veterans** designated under subsection ~~(a)~~; **(b)**, a resident who is less than eighteen (18) years of age **or a resident who is a catastrophically disabled veteran** may:

(1) hunt using hunting methods that are designated by the director and that are legal for that hunting season; and

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(2) exercise the same privileges that a resident is entitled to under ~~IC 14-22-12-1(24)~~; **IC 14-22-12-1(a)(24) for a youth hunter or IC 14-22-12-1(a) for a catastrophically disabled veteran.**

A youth hunter **or a catastrophically disabled veteran** is not required to pay a fee or possess a hunting license.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** A youth hunter who hunts during a free hunting day ~~for youth hunters~~ under this section must:

- (1) comply with the conditions and rules adopted by the director; and
- (2) be accompanied by an individual who:
 - (A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
 - (B) holds a valid hunting license under IC 14-22-12 or is not required to have a hunting license under this chapter.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** The individual under subsection ~~(c)(2)~~ **(d)(2)** who accompanies the youth hunter:

- (1) must be in close enough proximity to monitor the youth hunter's activities and communicate with the youth hunter at all times; and
- (2) may assist the youth hunter, including calling, but may not carry a firearm or bow and arrow.

(f) A catastrophically disabled veteran who hunts during a free hunting day under this section must:

- (1) comply with the conditions and rules adopted by the director; and**
- (2) be accompanied by an individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age.**

(g) The individual under subsection (f)(2) who accompanies a catastrophically disabled veteran:

- (1) is not required to hold a valid hunting license under IC 14-22-12 or to have a hunting license under this chapter;**
- (2) must be in close enough proximity to monitor the catastrophically disabled veteran's activities and communicate with the catastrophically disabled veteran at all times; and**
- (3) may assist the catastrophically disabled veteran, including calling, but may not carry a firearm or bow and arrow.**



President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

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