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LEGISLATIVE BILL 636

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-421.01,
- 2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide for a
- 3 discounted permit for deployed military and spouses while on leave
- 4 as described; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 37-421.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2014, is amended to read:

3 37-421.01 (1) Notwithstanding any provision of section 37-407 to the
4 contrary, a Nebraska resident who is deployed out of state with a branch
5 of the United States military or has been so deployed within the last
6 twelve months at the time of application shall be entitled to receive an
7 annual combination fishing and hunting permit, habitat stamp, aquatic
8 habitat stamp, and Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamp on a one-time basis
9 upon returning to the state if the resident:

10 (a) Submits an application to the commission with a fee of five
11 dollars; and

12 (b) Provides to the commission evidence of the resident's deployment
13 out of state.

14 (2)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of section 37-447, 37-449,
15 37-450, 37-451, or 37-457 to the contrary, a Nebraska resident who
16 purchased a big game permit and who was deployed out of state with a
17 branch of the United States military for the entire season of the hunt
18 and who was unable to use the permit shall be entitled to receive a
19 discounted permit on a one-time basis upon returning to the state if the
20 resident provides to the commission evidence of deployment.
21 Alternatively, the member of the military may request a refund of the
22 amount paid for a big game permit and the commission shall pay such
23 amount.

24 (b) For purposes of this subsection, big game means antelope, deer,
25 elk, mountain sheep, and wild turkeys.

26 (c) The commission shall establish a fee of five dollars for the
27 discounted permits authorized in this subsection.

28 (3)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of section 37-407 to the
29 contrary:

30 (i) A Nebraska resident who is deployed out of state with a branch
31 of the United States military and who is in Nebraska on leave from such

1 deployment shall be entitled to receive a combination fishing and hunting
2 permit valid until the final day of leave if the resident complies with
3 subdivision (b) of this subsection; and

4 (ii) The spouse of a Nebraska resident who is deployed out of state
5 with a branch of the United States military and who is in Nebraska on
6 leave from such deployment shall be entitled to receive a combination
7 fishing and hunting permit valid until the final day of leave if the
8 spouse complies with subdivision (b) of this subsection.

9 (b) The resident or spouse shall:

10 (i) Submit an application to the commission with a fee of five
11 dollars for each permit;

12 (ii) Provide to the commission evidence of the resident's deployment
13 out of state; and

14 (iii) Provide to the commission evidence of the resident's period of
15 leave.

16 (4 3) The commission may authorize electronic issuance of the
17 discounted permits authorized under this section.

18 (5 4) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
19 that set forth the procedures for applying for, and the issuance of, the
20 discounted permits authorized in this section, including what constitutes
21 evidence of deployment to qualify for the permits.

22 Sec. 2. Original section 37-421.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
23 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.