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1            AN ACT Relating to license fees under Title 77 RCW for veterans  
2 with disabilities; and amending RCW 77.32.480 and 77.04.150.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.480 and 2007 c 254 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Upon written application, a combination fishing license shall be  
7 issued at the reduced rate of five dollars((7)) and all hunting  
8 licenses shall((7)) be issued at the reduced rate of a youth hunting  
9 license fee for the following individuals:

10            (1) A resident or nonresident sixty-five years old or older who is  
11 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces  
12 having a service-connected disability;

13            (2) A resident or nonresident who is an honorably discharged  
14 veteran of the United States armed forces with a thirty percent or more  
15 service-connected disability;

16            (3) A resident with a disability who permanently uses a wheelchair;

17            (4) A resident who is blind or visually impaired; and

18            (5) A resident with a developmental disability as defined in RCW

1 71A.10.020 with documentation of the disability certified by a  
2 physician licensed to practice in this state.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.04.150 and 2008 c 294 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) The commission must appoint an advisory committee to generally  
6 represent the interests of hunters and fishers with disabilities on  
7 matters including, but not limited to, special hunts, modified sporting  
8 equipment, access to public land, and hunting and fishing  
9 opportunities. The advisory committee is composed of seven members,  
10 each being an individual with a disability. The advisory committee  
11 members must represent the entire state. The members must be appointed  
12 so that each of the six department administrative regions, as they  
13 existed on January 1, 2007, are represented with one resident on the  
14 advisory committee. One additional member must be appointed at large.  
15 The chair of the advisory committee must be a member of the advisory  
16 committee and shall be selected by the members of the advisory  
17 committee.

18 (2) The advisory committee created in this section has the  
19 authority to contact other states and promote the discounted hunting  
20 and fishing opportunities made available to nonresident veterans with  
21 disabilities under RCW 77.32.480 and collaborate with other states in  
22 an effort to encourage similar treatment for Washington's veterans with  
23 disabilities when they are hunting and fishing in other states.

24 (3) For the purposes of this section, an individual with a  
25 disability includes but is not limited to:

26 (a) An individual with a permanent disability who is not ambulatory  
27 over natural terrain without a prosthesis or assistive device;

28 (b) An individual with a permanent disability who is unable to walk  
29 without the use of assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, wheelchair,  
30 scooter, walker, or other assistive device;

31 (c) An individual who has a cardiac condition to the extent that  
32 the individual's functional limitations are severe;

33 (d) An individual who is restricted by lung disease to the extent  
34 that the individual's functional limitations are severe;

35 (e) An individual who is totally blind or visually impaired; or

36 (f) An individual with a permanent disability with upper or lower

1 extremity impairments who does not have the use of one or both upper or  
2 lower extremities.

3 ~~((+3))~~ (4) The members of the advisory committee are appointed for  
4 a four-year term. If a vacancy occurs on the advisory committee prior  
5 to the expiration of a term, the commission must appoint a replacement  
6 within sixty days to complete the term.

7 ~~((+4))~~ (5) The advisory committee must meet at least semiannually,  
8 and may meet at other times as requested by a majority of the advisory  
9 committee members for any express purpose that directly relates to the  
10 duties set forth in subsection (1) of this section. A majority of  
11 members currently serving on the advisory committee constitutes a  
12 quorum. The department must provide staff support for all official  
13 advisory committee meetings.

14 ~~((+5))~~ (6) Each member of the advisory committee shall serve  
15 without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as  
16 authorized in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

17 ~~((+6))~~ (7) The members of the advisory committee, or individuals  
18 acting on their behalf, are immune from civil liability for official  
19 acts performed in the course of their duties.

20 ~~((+7))~~ (8) Beginning December 1, 2011, and again at least once  
21 every four years, the commission shall present a report to the  
22 appropriate legislative committees detailing the effectiveness of the  
23 advisory committee including, but not limited to, the participation  
24 levels, general interest, quality of advice, and recommendations as to  
25 the advisory committee's continuance or modification.

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