

House Bill 1608

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 honorary hunting and fishing licenses, so as to provide that the Department of Veterans  
3 Service may certify to a disability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 27-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to honorary hunting  
7 and fishing licenses, is amended by striking in its entirety subsection (a) and inserting in lieu  
8 thereof the following:

9 "(a) The department shall issue an honorary hunting and fishing license, which shall entitle  
10 a resident to hunt and fish in this state without the payment of fees described in Code  
11 Section 27-2-23, to each resident who is permanently and totally disabled. For purposes of  
12 this Code section, a permanent, total disability shall be a physical or mental impairment of  
13 a total and permanent nature which prevents gainful employment and which is certified as  
14 such by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, the Department of Veterans  
15 Service, the Social Security Administration, Medicaid, medicare, the Railroad Retirement  
16 System, or a unit of federal, state, or local government recognized by the board by rule or  
17 regulation; provided, however, that persons disabled because of a mental impairment shall  
18 be issued an honorary fishing license only. Persons issued an honorary license under  
19 disability provisions shall renew such licenses and recertify their eligibility for such  
20 licenses every three years; provided, however, that honorary licenses in effect as of July  
21 1, 1998, shall not require renewal."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.