

House Bill 1608

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104th, Warren of the 99th, Heath of the 18th, Douglas of the 73rd, Roberts of the 135th, and others

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23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.