

Senate Bill 374 **PRE-FILE**

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Grant of the 25th, Schaefer of the 50th, Staton of the 18th, Williams of the 19th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, so as to define a certain term; to provide
3 for a lifetime, honorary hunting and fishing license for certain veterans; to provide certain
4 conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, is amended by inserting immediately following Code
9 Section 27-2-4.2 a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "27-2-4.3.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'returning veteran' means a person who is
12 discharged from active duty as a member of the regular or reserve component of the United
13 States armed forces, the United States Coast Guard, the Georgia National Guard, or the
14 Georgia Air National Guard and who was on ordered federal duty for a period of 90 days
15 or longer after September 11, 2001.

16 (b) The department shall issue a lifetime, honorary hunting and fishing license to any
17 returning veteran which shall entitle him or her to hunt and fish in this state without the
18 payment of fees described in Code Section 27-2-23. A returning veteran requesting such
19 an honorary license shall provide proof of his or her discharge.

20 (c) Any person holding a valid honorary license pursuant to this Code section shall not be
21 required to obtain the trout license and big game license otherwise required by Code
22 Section 27-2-6.

23 (d) All honorary hunting and fishing licenses issued pursuant to this Code section are
24 subject to all wildlife laws, rules, and regulations with the exception of the provisions
25 requiring the payment of fees described in Code Section 27-2-23 for such licenses. Such

1 honorary licenses may be revoked in accordance with this title. It shall be unlawful for any
2 person who has an honorary hunting and fishing license to permit the use of same by any
3 other person."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.