

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 633

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 43537 (MCL 324.43537), as amended by 1996 PA
585.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43537. (1) A resident who is declared legally blind is
2 eligible to purchase a senior restricted or senior all-species
3 fishing license. The department may demand proof of blindness. The
4 licensee, when fishing, shall possess proof of blindness and shall
5 furnish the proof upon the request of a peace officer.

6 (2) ~~A resident who has been determined by the United States~~
7 ~~department of veterans affairs to be permanently and totally~~
8 ~~disabled and entitled to veteran benefits at the 100% rate, for a~~
9 ~~disability other than blindness, **DISABLED VETERAN** is eligible to~~
10 purchase any senior hunting license as described in section 43535

1 or any senior fishing license described in section 43536, or both.

2 (3) AS A PILOT PROJECT FOR 2007, THERE SHALL BE A DISABLED
3 VETERANS FIREARM DEER SEASON IN AT LEAST 3 AREAS OF THIS STATE,
4 INCLUDING MARQUETTE, MASON, AND NEWAYGO COUNTIES. THE DISABLED
5 VETERANS FIREARM DEER SEASON SHALL CORRESPOND WITH THE YOUTH
6 FIREARM DEER HUNTING DAYS, IF ANY, ESTABLISHED BY ORDER OF THE
7 COMMISSION. A DISABLED VETERAN MAY TAKE 1 DEER DURING THE DISABLED
8 VETERANS FIREARM DEER SEASON. A DISABLED VETERAN TAKING DEER DURING
9 THIS SEASON SHALL POSSESS A CURRENT FIREARM DEER LICENSE,
10 COMBINATION DEER LICENSE, OR ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSE OR A DEER
11 MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE DISABLED VETERAN TO
12 TAKE A DEER WITH A FIREARM AND ISSUED FOR THE AREA OR LAND UPON
13 WHICH THE VETERAN IS HUNTING. THE SAME KIND OF DEER MAY BE TAKEN
14 DURING THE DISABLED VETERANS FIREARM DEER SEASON AS DURING THE
15 REGULAR NOVEMBER FIREARM DEER SEASON. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT
16 LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION UNDER SECTION 40113A TO
17 ESTABLISH A SPECIAL HUNTING SEASON IN ANY AREA OF THIS STATE FOR
18 VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES OR OTHER CLASSES OF INDIVIDUALS.

19 (4) The department may demand proof of eligibility under ~~this~~
20 subsection (2) OR (3). The licensee, when hunting or taking aquatic
21 species, AS APPLICABLE, shall possess proof of his or her
22 eligibility under ~~this~~ subsection (2) OR (3) and shall furnish the
23 proof upon the request of a peace officer.

24 (5) ~~(3)~~—The department shall process licenses issued under
25 ~~this section~~ SUBSECTION (2) in the same manner as licenses issued
26 to senior citizens for purposes of receiving appropriations from
27 the legislature under section 43546.

1 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "DISABLED VETERAN" MEANS A
2 RESIDENT WHO HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
3 VETERANS AFFAIRS TO BE IN INDIVIDUALLY UNEMPLOYABLE STATUS AS A
4 RESULT OF MILITARY SERVICE AND ENTITLED TO VETERANS' BENEFITS, FOR
5 A DISABILITY OTHER THAN BLINDNESS.