

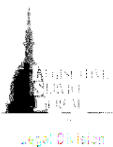
HOUSE BILL NO. 5140

October 23, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Hoyenga and Yaroch and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 43537 (MCL 324.43537), as amended by 2013 PA 108.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43537. (1) ~~Until March 1, 2014, a resident who is~~
2 ~~declared legally blind is eligible to purchase a senior restricted~~
3 ~~or senior all-species fishing license. Beginning March 1, 2014, a~~ **A**
4 resident who is declared legally blind is eligible to purchase a



1 senior all-species fishing license.

2 (2) A disabled veteran is eligible to obtain any resident
3 license under this part for which a lottery is not required free of
4 charge.

5 (3) **A volunteer firefighter is eligible to obtain any resident**
6 **license under this part for which a lottery is not required free of**
7 **charge.**

8 (4) ~~(3)~~—The department may demand proof of eligibility under
9 subsection (1), (2), or ~~(4)~~.—**(3)**. The licensee, when taking aquatic
10 species or hunting, shall possess proof of his or her eligibility
11 under subsection (1), (2), or ~~(4)~~,—**(3)**, as applicable, and shall
12 furnish the proof upon the request of a peace officer.

13 (5) ~~(4)~~—The department shall process licenses issued under
14 this section in the same manner as licenses issued to senior
15 citizens for purposes of receiving appropriations from the
16 legislature under section 43546.

17 (6) ~~(5)~~—As used in this section: ~~,"disabled~~

18 (a) **"Disabled veteran"** means either of the following:

19 (i) ~~(a)~~—A resident who has been determined by the United States
20 ~~department—Department~~ of ~~veterans affairs—Veterans Affairs~~ to be
21 permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service
22 and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate, for a
23 disability other than blindness.

24 (ii) ~~(b)~~—A resident rated by the United States ~~department~~
25 **Department** of ~~veterans affairs—Veterans Affairs~~ as individually
26 unemployable.

27 (b) **"Volunteer firefighter"** means that term as defined in the
28 **firefighters training council act, 1966 PA 291, MCL 29.362.**

