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Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, HARCKHAM, HELMING, ROLISON, STEC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to providing free lifetime licenses for New York state's honorably discharged, disabled veterans

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 11-0702 of the environmental
2 conservation law, as amended by section 16 of part R of chapter 58 of
3 the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

4 1. There are hereby created the following lifetime hunting, fishing,
5 trapping, archery and muzzle-loading privileges and fees therefor
6 subject to the same privileges and obligations of a comparable short
7 term license:

8	Licenses	Fees
9	a. Lifetime license including a	
10	hunting license, fishing license	
11	and turkey permit. If purchased,	
12	for a child four years	
13	of age or younger	\$380.00
14	for a child age five through	
15	eleven years of age	\$535.00
16	for a person age twelve through	
17	sixty-nine years of age	\$765.00
18	for a person age seventy	
19	and over[-]	\$65.00
20	<u>for a New York state resident</u>	
21	<u>who has been (a) honorably discharged from</u>	
22	<u>service in the armed forces of the</u>	

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1	<u>United States,</u>	
2	<u>or (b) has a qualifying condition,</u>	
3	<u>as defined in section one of the</u>	
4	<u>veterans' services law, and has</u>	
5	<u>received a discharge other than bad</u>	
6	<u>conduct or dishonorable from such service,</u>	
7	<u>or (c) is a discharged LGBT</u>	
8	<u>veteran, as defined in section one of</u>	
9	<u>the veterans' services law, and has</u>	
10	<u>received a discharge other than bad</u>	
11	<u>conduct or dishonorable from such</u>	
12	<u>service, and is certified</u>	
13	<u>as having a forty percent or</u>	
14	<u>greater service-connected disability.</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
15	b. Lifetime hunting license.	\$535.00
16	c. Lifetime fishing	
17	license for a person age	
18	sixty-nine or younger.	\$460.00
19	d. Lifetime fishing license	
20	for a person age seventy	
21	and over.	\$ 65.00
22	e. Lifetime trapping	
23	license.	\$395.00
24	f. Lifetime archery privilege.	\$235.00
25	g. Lifetime muzzle-loading privilege.	\$235.00
26	h. For transfer to a person pursuant	
27	to section 11-0704 of this title.	
28		\$50.00

29 The holder of a lifetime hunting license or lifetime fishing license
30 may, at any time, convert such license to a lifetime license pursuant to
31 paragraph a of this subdivision for an additional fee equal to the
32 difference between the current fee for the new license and the fee
33 originally paid for the license.

34 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.