STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. KAY -- read once and referred 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:

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

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

Licenses	Fees
a. Lifetime license including a hunting license, fishing license and turkey permit. If purchased, for a child four years of age or younger	$380.00
for a child age five through eleven years of age	$535.00
for a person age twelve through sixty-nine years of age	$765.00
for a person age seventy and over[~~,~~]	$65.00
for a New York state resident who has been (a) honorably discharged from service in the armed forces of the United States,	

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

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or (b) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (c) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, and is certified as having a forty percent or greater service-connected disability.	**$0.00**
b. Lifetime hunting license.	$535.00
c. Lifetime fishing license for a person age sixty-nine or younger.	$460.00
d. Lifetime fishing license for a person age seventy and over.	$ 65.00
e. Lifetime trapping license.	$395.00
f. Lifetime archery privilege.	$235.00
g. Lifetime muzzle-loading privilege.	$235.00
h. For transfer to a person pursuant to section 11-0704 of this title.	$50.00

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.