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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1939

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1939 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by
5 changing Section 20-5 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/20-5) (from Ch. 56, par. 20-5)

7 Sec. 20-5. Necessity of license; exemptions.

8 (a) Any person taking or attempting to take any fish,
9 including minnows for commercial purposes, turtles, mussels,
10 crayfish, or frogs by any means whatever in any waters or lands
11 wholly or in part within the jurisdiction of the State,
12 including that part of Lake Michigan under the jurisdiction of
13 this State, shall first obtain a license to do so, and shall do
14 so only during the respective periods of the year when it shall
15 be lawful as provided in this Code. Blind ~~Individuals under~~
16 ~~16, blind~~ residents or residents with a disability, or

1 individuals fishing at fee fishing areas licensed by the
2 Department, however, may fish with sport fishing devices
3 without being required to have a license. Individuals 22 years
4 of age or younger and who have a disability may obtain a
5 fishing license without paying a license fee. For the purpose
6 of this Section an individual is blind or has a disability if
7 that individual has a Class 2 disability as defined in Section
8 4A of the Illinois Identification Card Act. For purposes of
9 this Section an Illinois Person with a Disability
10 Identification Card issued under the Illinois Identification
11 Card Act indicating that the individual named on the card has a
12 Class 2 disability shall be adequate documentation of a
13 disability.

14 (b) A courtesy non-resident sport fishing license or stamp
15 may be issued at the discretion of the Director, without fee,
16 to (i) any individual officially employed in the wildlife and
17 fish or conservation department of another state or of the
18 United States who is within the State to assist or consult or
19 cooperate with the Director or (ii) the officials of other
20 states, the United States, foreign countries, or officers or
21 representatives of conservation organizations or publications
22 while in the State as guests of the Governor or Director.

23 (c) The Director may issue special fishing permits without
24 cost to groups of hospital patients or to individuals with
25 disabilities for use on specified dates in connection with
26 supervised fishing for therapy.

1 (d) Veterans who, according to the determination of the
2 Veterans' Administration as certified by the Department of
3 Veterans' Affairs, are at least 10% disabled with
4 service-related disabilities or in receipt of total disability
5 pensions may fish with sport fishing devices during those
6 periods of the year it is lawful to do so without being
7 required to have a license, on the condition that their
8 respective disabilities do not prevent them from fishing in a
9 manner which is safe to themselves and others.

10 (e) Each year the Director may designate a period, not to
11 exceed 4 days in duration, when sport fishermen may fish
12 waters wholly or in part within the jurisdiction of the State,
13 including that part of Lake Michigan under the jurisdiction of
14 the State, and not be required to obtain the license or stamp
15 required by subsection (a) of this Section, Section 20-10 or
16 subsection (a) of Section 20-55. The term of any such period
17 shall be established by administrative rule. This subsection
18 shall not apply to commercial fishing.

19 (f) The Director may issue special fishing permits without
20 cost for a group event, restricted to specific dates and
21 locations if it is determined by the Department that the event
22 is beneficial in promoting sport fishing in Illinois.

23 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)".