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Testimony in Favor of SB 380

Senator Mary A. Lazich

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Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Committee on Environmental Resources. Thank you holding a hearing on SB 380, a bill about fishing licenses for disabled residents. This legislation reinstates prior law and exempts disabled residents from the DNR's annual fishing license application and fee.

A disabled veteran brought this issue to attention. The disabled veteran has in his possession a special resident fishing license issued October 20, 1989, that is effective as long as the licensee is a resident and his or her handicap continues. The veteran found that the law was changed and that only those born prior to January 1, 1927 are allowed to use a special resident fishing license. The disabled veteran was born during 1927 and states "how can you place an age limit on a sick or disabled person." He further states "For certainly it smells of discrimination." Under this legislation, a disabled resident will no longer need to apply for a fishing license every year and pay a fee of \$6.25. Instead, the exemption will continue, as under prior law, until the licensee is no longer a resident or is no longer disabled.

Thank you for your time and attention.



History of Senate Bill 380

SENATE BILL 380

An Act to repeal 29.193 (4) and 29.563 (3) (a) 9.; to renumber and amend 29.193 (3); to amend 29.053 (2) (a) (intro.) and 29.563 (3) (a) 7.; and to create 29.193 (3) (b) of the statutes; relating to: fishing licenses issued to disabled residents. (FE)
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- 01-16. S. Introduced by Senators Lazich, Darling, Kanavas and Zien; cosponsored by Representatives Krawczyk, Pettis, Gronemus, Miller, Reynolds, Boyle, Hines, Ladwig, La Fave, Lassa, Petrowski, Ryba, Starzyk, Townsend and Turner.
- 01-16. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Environmental Resources 503
- 01-25. S. Fiscal estimate received.
- 03-05. S. Public hearing held.
- 03-20. S. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1 653

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