

Testimony in Favor of SB 380

Senator Mary A. Lazich

March 5, 2002

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.

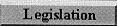


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History of Senate Bill 380

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amend 29.193 (3); 7.; and to create	29.193 (4) and 29.563 (3) (a) 9.; to renumber and to amend 29.053 (2) (a) (intro.) and 29.563 (3) (a) 29.193 (3) (b) of the statutes; relating to: fishing to disabled residents. (FE)
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