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Amanda:

There are two different standards currently used for determining if someone is a disabled veteran under chapter 29. Under s. 29.236, a person may prove that he or she is a disabled veteran eligible for an annual disabled veteran recreation card by showing he or she is a veteran, as defined in 38 USC 101, and that he or she is receiving disability compensation benefits under 38 USC 1101 to 1163 for disabilities that result in a disability rating that is **50** percent or greater under 38 USC 1114 or 1134, or is receiving disability compensation benefits due to being individually unemployable under 38 CFR 4.16 as authorized under 38 USC 501. Under s. 29.193 (3) (c), a person may prove that he or she is a disabled veteran eligible for an annual fishing license for disabled persons by showing that he or she is a veteran, as defined in 38 USC 101, and that he or she is receiving disability compensation benefits under 38 USC 1101 to 1163 for disabilities that result in a disability rating that is **70** percent or greater under 38 USC 1114 or 1134, or is receiving disability compensation benefits due to being individually unemployable under 38 CFR 4.16 as authorized under 38 USC 501. This draft uses the former eligibility standard, which uses a disability rating of 50 percent or greater under 38 USC 1114 or 1134. If you would like to use a different percentage, let me know.

Similar to a regular conservation patron license, this draft imposes a \$4 wildlife damage surcharge under s. 29.563 (13) (b) and an issuing fee of \$0.75 under s. 29.563 (14) (c) 1. to the fee for a conservation patron license issued to a disabled veteran. Therefore, the total cost of the license is \$65 under this draft.

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