



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6314

LCO No. 3437



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTED HUNTING, TRAPPING AND
FISHING LICENSES FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS
OF THE ARMED FORCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) to (f), inclusive, of this
4 section, the fees for firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping and
5 sport fishing licenses or for the combination thereof shall be as follows:
6 (1) Resident firearms hunting license, nineteen dollars; (2) resident
7 fishing license, twenty-eight dollars; (3) resident marine waters fishing
8 license, ten dollars; (4) one-day resident marine waters fishing license,
9 five dollars; (5) resident all-waters fishing license, thirty-two dollars; (6)
10 resident combination license to fish in inland waters and firearms hunt,
11 thirty-eight dollars; (7) resident combination license to fish in marine
12 waters and firearms hunt, twenty-five dollars; (8) resident combination
13 license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, forty dollars; (9) resident
14 combination license to fish in all waters and bow and arrow permit to

15 hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to section 26-86c, sixty-five
16 dollars; (10) resident firearms super sport license to fish in all waters and
17 firearms hunt, firearms private land shotgun or rifle deer permit issued
18 pursuant to section 26-86a, and permit to hunt wild turkey during the
19 spring season on private land issued pursuant to section 26-48a, seventy
20 dollars; (11) resident archery super sport license to fish in all waters,
21 bow and arrow permit to hunt deer and small game issued pursuant to
22 section 26-86c and permit to hunt wild turkey during the spring season
23 on private land issued pursuant to section 26-48a, eighty-two dollars;
24 (12) resident firearms super sport license to fish in all waters and
25 firearms hunt, firearms private land shotgun or rifle deer permit,
26 muzzleloader private land deer permit, pursuant to section 26-86 and
27 private land permit to hunt wild turkey during spring season pursuant
28 to section 26-48a, eighty-four dollars; (13) resident firearms super sport
29 license to fish in all waters and firearms hunt, migratory bird
30 conservation stamp, and migratory bird harvest permit (HIP), fifty
31 dollars; (14) resident trapping license, thirty-four dollars; (15) resident
32 junior trapping license for persons under sixteen years of age, eleven
33 dollars; (16) junior firearms hunting license, eleven dollars; (17)
34 nonresident firearms hunting license, ninety-one dollars; (18)
35 nonresident inland waters fishing license, fifty-five dollars; (19)
36 nonresident inland waters fishing license for a period of three
37 consecutive days, twenty-two dollars; (20) nonresident marine waters
38 fishing license, fifteen dollars; (21) nonresident marine waters fishing
39 license for a period of three consecutive days, eight dollars; (22)
40 nonresident all-waters fishing license, sixty-three dollars; (23)
41 nonresident combination license to firearms hunt and inland waters
42 fish, one hundred ten dollars; (24) nonresident combination license to
43 fish in all waters and firearms hunt, one hundred twenty dollars; (25)
44 nonresident combination license to fish in marine waters and firearms
45 hunt, ninety-four dollars; and (26) nonresident trapping license, two
46 hundred fifty dollars. Persons sixty-five years of age and over who have
47 been residents of this state for not less than one year and who meet the
48 requirements of subsection (b) of section 26-31 may be issued an annual

49 license to firearms hunt or to fish or combination license to fish and
50 firearms hunt or a license to trap without fee. The issuing agency shall
51 indicate on a combination license the specific purpose for which such
52 license is issued. The town clerk shall retain a recording fee of one dollar
53 for each license issued by such clerk.

54 (b) Any nonresident residing in one of the New England states or the
55 state of New York may procure a license to hunt or to fish or to hunt and
56 fish for the same fee or fees as a resident of this state if such nonresident
57 is a resident of a state the laws of which allow the same privilege to
58 residents of this state.

59 (c) The fee for a group fishing license, as described in subsection (h)
60 of section 26-30, shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars.

61 (d) (1) (A) The fee charged for any firearms hunting, archery hunting,
62 trapping or sport fishing license that is issued to any Connecticut
63 resident who is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall be equal to fifty
64 per cent of the fee provided for such license in subsection (a) of this
65 section, rounded to the next highest dollar.

66 (B) The fee charged for any firearms hunting, archery hunting,
67 trapping or sport fishing license that is issued to any veteran or any
68 active duty member of the armed forces shall be equal to fifty per cent
69 of the fee provided for such license in subsection (a) of this section that
70 is applicable to a Connecticut resident, rounded to the next highest
71 dollar.

72 (2) (A) The fee charged pursuant to section 26-27b, 26-48a, 26-86a or
73 26-86c for any firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport
74 fishing permit, tag or stamp that is issued to any Connecticut resident
75 who is less than eighteen years of age shall be equal to fifty per cent of
76 the fee provided for such permit, tag or stamp in said sections, rounded
77 to the next highest dollar.

78 (B) The fee charged pursuant to section 26-27b, 26-48a, 26-86a or 26-

79 86c for any firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing
80 permit, tag or stamp that is issued to any veteran or any active duty
81 member of the armed forces shall be equal to fifty per cent of the fee
82 provided for such permit, tag or stamp in said sections that is applicable
83 to a Connecticut resident, rounded to the next highest dollar.

84 (3) As used in this subsection, "veteran" and "armed forces" have the
85 same meanings as provided in section 27-103.

86 (e) In addition to the calendar day designated pursuant to subsection
87 (f) of section 26-27, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
88 Protection may designate two additional days in each calendar year on
89 which a one-day license for sport fishing may be issued free of charge.
90 The commissioner may make such one-day license available to all
91 members of the public or to all members of an age group designated by
92 said commissioner.

93 (f) From time to time and for the purpose of increasing participation,
94 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection with the
95 concurrence of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
96 may reduce, but not completely waive, the fee or cost for any license,
97 permit, tag or stamp, or combination thereof, as provided for in this
98 section or section 26-27b, 26-48a, 26-86a or 26-86c. Any such reduction
99 shall: (1) Be for a portion of a calendar year, (2) remain in effect only
100 during the calendar year in which such reduction is made, and (3) be
101 made only if such reduction is provided to all members of the public, to
102 all members of a certain age group, or to individuals who, in such
103 calendar year, successfully complete a course of instruction in fishing
104 techniques, as provided for in section 26-31a or a conservation education
105 course of instruction, as provided for in subsection (a) of section 26-31.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2023	26-28
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide a discounted rate for certain hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, permits, tags and stamps to veterans and active duty members of the armed forces.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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