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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; providing for free either-sex deer permit for recently
1.3 discharged service members; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section
1.4 97A.465, subdivision 1b.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.465, subdivision 1b, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 1b. **Residents discharged from active service.** (a) A resident who has served
1.9 at any time during the preceding 24 months in federal active service, as defined in section
1.10 190.05, subdivision 5c, outside the United States as a member of the National Guard, or as
1.11 a reserve component or active duty member of the United States armed forces and has
1.12 been discharged from active service may take small game and fish without a license if the
1.13 resident possesses official military discharge papers. The resident must obtain the seals,
1.14 tags, and coupons required of a licensee, which must be furnished without charge.

1.15 (b) The commissioner shall issue, without fee, a deer license and an either-sex deer
1.16 permit to a resident who has served at any time during the preceding 24 months in federal
1.17 active service, as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5c, outside the United States as a
1.18 member of the National Guard, or as a reserve component or active duty member of the
1.19 United States armed forces and has been discharged from active service. Eligibility under
1.20 this paragraph is limited to one license and one permit per resident.