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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 licenses to take deer and angle without a
1.3 fee upon discharge from military service; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008,
1.4 section 97A.441, by adding subdivisions.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.441, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 11. **Taking deer; recently discharged veterans.** Upon being furnished
1.9 satisfactory evidence, a person authorized to issue licenses must issue, without a fee,
1.10 a license to take deer by firearms or archery to a resident who has served during the
1.11 preceding 24 months in active service, as defined under section 190.05, subdivision 5b
1.12 or 5c, as a member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard or
1.13 other military reserves. A resident is eligible for a license under this subdivision once
1.14 during a 24-month period.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.441, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.16 to read:

1.17 Subd. 12. **Angling; recently discharged veterans.** Upon being furnished
1.18 satisfactory evidence, a person authorized to issue licenses must issue, without a fee, a
1.19 license to angle to a resident who has served during the preceding 24 months in active
1.20 service, as defined under section 190.05, subdivision 5b or 5c, as a member of the United
1.21 States armed forces, including the National Guard or other military reserves. A resident is
1.22 eligible for a license under this subdivision twice during a 24-month period.