

This Document can be made available in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SIXTH
SESSION

HOUSE FILE No. **1286**

March 5, 2009

Authored by Gardner, by request

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; extending eligibility for certain free fish and game licenses
1.3 for disabled veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.441,
1.4 subdivisions 5, 6, 6a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.441, subdivision 5, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **Angling; disabled veterans.** Upon being furnished satisfactory evidence,
1.9 a person authorized to issue licenses must issue, without a fee, a permanent license to take
1.10 fish by angling to a resident who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, ~~and that~~
1.11 who has a 100 percent service connected disability or who is permanently and totally
1.12 disabled and receiving a veterans disability pension, as ~~defined~~ determined by the United
1.13 States ~~Veterans Administration upon being furnished satisfactory evidence~~ Department
1.14 of Veterans Affairs.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.441, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 6. **Taking deer; disabled veterans.** Upon being furnished satisfactory
1.17 evidence, a person authorized to issue licenses must issue, without a fee, a license to
1.18 take deer with firearms or by archery to a resident ~~that~~ who is a veteran, as defined
1.19 in section 197.447, ~~and that~~ who has a 100 percent service connected disability or
1.20 who is permanently and totally disabled and receiving a veterans disability pension, as
1.21 ~~defined~~ determined by the United States ~~Veterans Administration upon being furnished~~
1.22 satisfactory evidence. Department of Veterans Affairs.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.441, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 6a. **Taking small game; disabled veterans.** Upon being furnished
2.3 satisfactory evidence, a person authorized to issue licenses must issue, without a fee, a
2.4 license to take small game to a resident who is a veteran, as defined in section 197.447,
2.5 ~~and~~ who has a 100 percent service connected disability or who is permanently and totally
2.6 disabled and receiving a veterans disability pension, as ~~defined~~ determined by the United
2.7 States ~~Veterans Administration upon being furnished satisfactory evidence.~~ Department
2.8 of Veterans Affairs.

2.9 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.10 Sections 1 to 3 are effective July 1, 2009, for licenses issued on or after that date.