



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 131

Introduced by: **Senator Zikmund**

1 **An Act to revise the season in which a nonprofit organization may host a special**
 2 **pheasant hunt for disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 41-11-5.5 be AMENDED:**

5 **41-11-5.5.** ~~Any~~ A nonprofit organization may ~~establish~~ host a special pheasant
 6 hunt in which disabled veterans ~~or~~ and Purple Heart recipients ~~of the United States Armed~~
 7 ~~Forces of the armed forces of the United States~~ may participate. The special pheasant
 8 hunt may be held ~~before or during the regular pheasant~~ during the private shooting
 9 preserve season, pursuant to § 41-10-11. No fee may be charged to participants in ~~any~~
 10 ~~such special pheasant~~ the hunt, by either the state or the sponsoring organization.

11 The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter
 12 1-26, to administer the special pheasant hunts authorized in this section.

13 For the purposes of this section ~~a disabled veteran is a person who meets one of~~
 14 ~~the following criteria~~ "disabled veteran" means an individual who is:

- 15 (1) ~~A resident or nonresident veteran of the armed forces of the United States who~~ has:
 16 (a) Has been adjudicated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
 17 as being twenty percent or more disabled due to a service-connected
 18 disability ~~or has received the United States Department of Veterans Affairs~~
 19 ~~K Award; or~~
 20 (b) Is designated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to
 21 receive Special Monthly Compensation Level K pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1114
 22 (January 1, 2026); or
- 23 (2) ~~A resident of this state who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the~~
 24 ~~United States or has served as a member of the armed forces reserve or national~~
 25 ~~guard, and the resident is forty percent or more disabled for the purposes of~~
 26 ~~receiving social security benefits~~ been adjudicated by the United States

- 1 Department of Veterans Affairs as being forty percent or more disabled, and has
2 received an honorable discharge from:
3 (a) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States;
4 (b) The reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; or
5 (c) The South Dakota National Guard.