

2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 131**AMENDMENT 131A
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

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 as being~~
17 ~~twenty percent or more disabled due to a service-connected disability or has~~
18 ~~received the United States Department of Veterans Affairs K Award;~~ or

19 ~~(b) — Is designated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to receive~~
20 ~~Special Monthly Compensation Level K pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1114 (January 1,~~
21 ~~2026); or~~

22 ~~(2) — A resident of this state who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the~~
23 ~~United States or has served as a member of the armed forces reserve or national~~
24 ~~guard, and the resident is forty percent or more disabled for the purposes of~~
25 ~~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~~

6 ~~For the purposes of this section, "disabled veteran" means a veteran of the armed~~
7 ~~forces of the United States who:~~

8 ~~(1) Has been adjudicated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being~~
9 ~~twenty percent or more disabled due to a service-connected disability; or~~

10 ~~(2) Is designated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to receive~~
11 ~~Special Monthly Compensation Level K pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1114 (January 1,~~
12 ~~2026).~~