



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 124

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Lake**

1 **An Act to to revise provisions regarding group pheasant hunts for disabled veterans.**

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

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

4 **41-11-5.5. Pheasant hunt--Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war--**
 5 **Promulgation of rules.**

6 Any nonprofit organization may establish a special pheasant hunt in which disabled
 7 veterans or Purple Heart recipients of the United States Armed Forces may participate.
 8 The special pheasant hunt may be held before or during the regular pheasant season. No
 9 fee may be charged to participants in any such special pheasant hunt, by either the state
 10 or the sponsoring organization. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate
 11 rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to administer the special pheasant hunts authorized in
 12 this section.

13 For the purposes of this section a disabled veteran ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~
 14 ~~is a resident or nonresident~~ is a person who meets one of the following ~~criteria established~~
 15 ~~in subdivisions 41-6-10.2(1) or (2):~~

16 (1) A resident or nonresident veteran who has been adjudicated by the United States
 17 Department of Veterans Affairs as twenty percent or more disabled due to a
 18 service-connected disability or has received the United States Department of
 19 Veterans Affairs K Award; or

20 (2) A resident who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States
 21 or has served as a member of the armed forces reserve or national guard, and the
 22 resident is forty percent or more disabled for the purposes of receiving social
 23 security benefits.