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HOUSE BILL NO. 1188

Introduced by: Representatives Jensen, Hoffman, Hubbel, Hunt, Kopp, Nelson (Stace), Olson (Betty), Russell, Stricherz, Tornow, Venner, and Verchio and Senators Rampelberg, Frerichs, Maher, Sutton, and Tieszen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide widows and widowers of certain veterans free
2 or reduced fees for certain hunting and fishing licenses and admission to state parks and
3 other facilities.

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

5 Section 1. That § 41-6-10.2 be amended to read as follows:

6 41-6-10.2. Any resident who meets the requirements of this section, the widow or widower
7 of any resident qualifying under subdivisions (1), (2), or (3) of this section, or the widow or
8 widower of any resident who died while in military service may apply to the licensing office of
9 the Department of Game, Fish and Parks in Pierre and receive a resident small game license and
10 a resident fishing license upon payment of a reduced fee to be established by the Game, Fish and
11 Parks Commission in rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26. A resident is eligible for the
12 reduced fee if the resident:

13 (1) ~~Receives~~ Has received a veterans allotment for a total disability which is deemed a
14 service-connected injury or has received the United States Veterans' Administration



K Award;

- (2) Has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or has served as a member of the armed forces reserve or national guard, and the resident is or was totally disabled for the purposes of receiving social security benefits;
- (3) Was held as a prisoner of war; or
- (4) Has a total disability as defined by rules promulgated by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission.

The resident small game license and the resident fishing license are valid for a period of four calendar years if the licensee remains a resident of the state. A ~~veteran~~ resident, widow, or widower may provide proof at the time of application of receipt of such an allotment, social security disability benefits, or award. Any other applicant shall provide proof of total disability on a form provided by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks. A widow or widower is eligible for the benefits provided under this section only if the widow or widower is a resident of this state.

Section 2. That § 41-17-13.4 be amended to read as follows:

41-17-13.4. Any South Dakota resident who receives a veteran allotment for a total disability which is deemed a service-connected injury or has received the United States Veterans' Administration K Award; any resident who was held as a prisoner of war; ~~or~~ any resident who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or as a member of the armed forces reserve or the national guard who is classified by the Veterans Administration as totally disabled as a result of a service connected injury; the widow or widower of any such resident; or the widow or widower of any resident who died while in military service may obtain free admission to any South Dakota state park or recreation area, and any such person may receive a fifty percent discount on any camping fee or associated

1 electrical service fee established pursuant to § 41-17-1.1 or 41-17-14.1. Any person who applies
2 for and qualifies for free admission under the provisions of this section shall be issued a lifetime
3 park entrance license by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks. A widow or widower is
4 eligible for the benefits provided under this section only if the widow or widower is a resident
5 of this state. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter
6 1-26 establishing criteria and procedures for obtaining free admission and reduced fees pursuant
7 to this section and for the issuance of a lifetime park entrance license.