AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTED HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 26-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2017):

(d) (1) The fee charged for any firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing license that is issued to any Connecticut resident who is (A) sixteen or seventeen years of age, or (B) a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, with a service-connected disability rating by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs amounting to ten per cent or more of total disability, shall be equal to fifty per cent of the fee provided for such license in subsection (a) of this section, rounded to the next highest dollar.

(2) The fee charged pursuant to section 26-27b, 26-48a, 26-86a or 26-86c for any firearms hunting, archery hunting, trapping or sport fishing permit, tag or stamp that is issued to any Connecticut resident who is (A) less than eighteen years of age, or (B) a veteran with a
service-connected disability rating by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs amounting to ten per cent or more of total disability, shall be equal to fifty per cent of the fee provided for such permit, tag or stamp in said sections, rounded to the next highest dollar.

Sec. 2. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 26-30 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2017):

(a) Resident licenses to firearms hunt, archery hunt, trap or fish, or the combination thereof, shall be issued only to qualified applicants therefor by the town clerk of any town, an agent of such town clerk deputized pursuant to subsection (f) of this section or an agent of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection licensed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. Such licenses shall be issued in such form as the commissioner shall prescribe.

(b) Nonresident licenses shall be issued by any town clerk, an agent of such town clerk or an agent of the commissioner, except that nonresident trapping licenses shall be issued by the commissioner.

(c) Applications shall be made on forms furnished by the commissioner, containing such information as the commissioner may require, [and any] provided, for any veteran with a service-connected disability rating by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the commissioner shall require proof of such disability rating. Any such application forms shall have printed thereon, "I declare under the penalties of false statement that the statements herein made by me are true and correct." Any person who makes any material false statement on such application form shall be guilty of false statement and shall be subject to the penalties provided for false statement, and said offense shall be deemed to have been committed in the town in which such application is presented or received for processing.
This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | October 1, 2017 | 26-28(d) |
| Sec. 2    | October 1, 2017 | 26-30(a) to (c) |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To promote activities that may assist rehabilitation and recuperation for certain veterans with service-connected disability ratings from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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