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AN ACT

RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; PROVIDING ARMED FORCES VETERANS WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FEE FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 17-3-13.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 344, Section 1) is amended to read:

"17-3-13.1. [DISABLED] VETERAN--LICENSE FEE EXEMPTION--LIFETIME LICENSE. --

The director of the department of game and fish shall issue without a fee a general hunting and fishing license and class A trout stamp to any resident who [was one hundred percent disabled as a result of having served in the armed forces of the United States upon submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the commission that he was one hundred

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percent disabled as a result of having] served in the armed forces of the United States.

- B. Any license and stamp issued pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A of this section shall be issued only once, but shall be issued for the life of the licensee, provided the licensee is a resident of New Mexico and provided the licensee notifies the director of the department of game and fish promptly of any change of residence within or outside the state.
- C. [Any] A person holding a license and stamp
 [under] pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be
 subject to all applicable hunting and fishing regulations,
 provisions and penalties of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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