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AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHING LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR NO-FEE FISHING LICENSES AND HABITAT STAMPS FOR DISABLED ACTIVE DUTY AND VETERAN MILITARY MEMBERS WHO ARE UNDERGOING A REHABILITATION PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES LEARNING AND PRACTICING FISHING SKILLS.

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

Section 1. DISABLED MILITARY MEMBERS AND VETERANS-- FISHING LICENSE FEE EXEMPTION.--The director of the department of game and fish shall issue without any fee on an annual or seasonal basis a fishing license and appropriate habitat management stamp to a disabled member or veteran of the United States armed forces who is undergoing a rehabilitation program that:

- A. involves learning and practicing fishing skills;
- B. is sponsored by the federal government or a nonprofit organization authorized by the federal government; and
- C. is under the direction of a military or federal veterans administration rehabilitation center.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2010. _____