

SSB 5583 - H AMD 1376

By Representative Orcutt

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1 On page 21, at the beginning of line 29, insert "(1)"

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3 On page 22, after line 14, insert the following:

4 "(2) Upon written application, the department shall issue licenses
5 required by this chapter to veterans of the United States armed forces
6 who have a qualifying discharge as defined in RCW 73.04.005 at the
7 resident senior rates established in this section."

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9 On page 22, at the beginning of line 17, insert "(1)"

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11 On page 24, after line 5, insert the following:

12 "(2) Upon written application, the department shall issue licenses
13 required by this chapter to veterans of the United States armed forces
14 who have a qualifying discharge as defined in RCW 73.04.005 at the
15 resident senior rates established in this section."

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17 On page 24, after line 30, insert the following:

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19 "**Sec. 20.** RCW 73.04.005 and 2024 c 146 s 4 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 For purposes of RCW 9.46.070, 28A.230.120, 28B.15.012, 28B.
22 15.621, 28B.102.020, 41.04.005, 41.04.007, 41.04.010, 41.06.133,
23 41.08.040, 41.12.040, 43.24.130, 43.70.270, 46.18.270, 46.18.280,
24 46.20.161, 72.36.030, 73.08.005, section 16 of this act, section 17
25 of this act, and 77.32.480:

26 (1) A "qualifying discharge" means:

27 (a) A discharge with an honorable characterization of service;

1 (b) A discharge with a general under honorable conditions
2 characterization of service;

3 (c) A discharge with an other than honorable characterization of
4 service if the applicant provides a letter, administrative decision,
5 or other documentation from the United States department of veterans
6 affairs showing eligibility for or receipt of monetary benefits,
7 such as disability compensation or nonservice-connected pension; or

8 (d) Any characterization of service if the reason for discharge
9 was listed as solely due to: (i) A person's sexual orientation,
10 gender identity, or gender expression; (ii) statements, consensual
11 sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation,
12 gender identity, or gender expression unless the statements,
13 conduct, or acts are or were prohibited by the uniform code of
14 military justice on grounds other than the person's sexual
15 orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; or (iii) the
16 disclosure of statements, conduct, or acts relating to sexual
17 orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to military
18 officials.

19 (2)(a) To prove a "qualifying discharge" under this section, an
20 individual must provide official documentation that shows the
21 following to the agency administering the sought benefit or
22 protection:

23 (i) The individual's characterization of service; and

24 (ii) If an individual has a qualifying discharge under
25 subsection (1)(d) of this section, also the individual's reason for
26 discharge or narrative reason for separation.

27 (b) Proof may include, but is not limited to, a department of
28 defense DD form 214, NGB form 22, or equivalent or successor
29 official paperwork stating the required information from a
30 government agency. Copies of official documents are acceptable as
31 proof."

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33 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
34 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue hunting and recreational fishing licenses to veterans of the United States armed forces with a qualifying discharge, as defined in current law, at the same price as resident senior license rates.

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