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- 3 By Representative Whitt
- 4 RFD: Military and Veterans Affairs
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- 6 PFD: 01/23/2020

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
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8	Relating to the Department of Conservation and
9	Natural Resources; to add Section 9-11-65.3 to the Code of
10	Alabama 1975, to authorize the Department of Conservation and
11	Natural Resources to issue lifetime hunting, freshwater
12	fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses to disabled U.S.
13	military veterans who are residents of this state and to
14	establish fees, qualifications, and conditions for the
15	licenses.
16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
17	Section 1. Section 1. Section 9-11-65.3 is added to
18	the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:
19	§ 9-11-65.3.
20	(a) Effective beginning with the license year
21	commencing on September 1, 2020, the Department of
22	Conservation and Natural Resources may issue resident lifetime
23	hunting and fishing licenses to disabled U.S. military
24	veterans subject to the fees, qualifications, and conditions
25	in this section.
26	(b) Hunting License.

50 (40) (1) A U.S. military veteran who is certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration as 40 percent or more physically disabled and who meets the residency requirements of Section 9-11-44 may in lieu of purchasing an annual hunting license purchase a lifetime disabled military veteran's appreciation hunting license for the following applicable fee:

(291.30) \$60.00 a. Disabled military veterans less

than 50 years old - \$45.

\$174.60 \$30.00 b. Disabled military veterans 50 years old or older - \$45.

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- (2) A U.S. military veteran who is certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration as 100 percent, service-connected permanently and totally disabled and who meets the residency requirements of Section 9-11-44, in lieu of purchasing an annual hunting license, may request and be issued a lifetime resident 100 percent disabled military veteran's appreciation hunting license without payment of a license fee.
 - (c) Freshwater Fishing License.
- A U.S. military veteran meeting the disability and residency requirements of Section 9-11-53, in lieu of purchasing an annual freshwater fishing license, may request and be issued a lifetime disabled military veteran's appreciation freshwater fishing license without payment of a license fee.
 - (d) Saltwater Fishing License.
- (1) A U.S. military veteran meeting the disability and residency requirements of Section 9-11-53.1, in lieu of

- purchasing an annual saltwater fishing license, may request and be issued a lifetime resident disabled military veteran's appreciation saltwater fishing license without the payment of a license fee.
 - (e) Combination License.

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- (1) The Department may offer a combination lifetime license for hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing to disabled military veterans for a total of the applicable license fees listed in this section.
- (f) In addition to paying any license fee required by this section, an applicant shall pay an issuance fee of one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) when submitting his or her license application.
- (g) The license fees and issuance fees prescribed in this section are subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 9-11-68.
- (h) Applications for lifetime licenses authorized by this section shall be filed in the office of the commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or as otherwise authorized by the commissioner on forms prescribed by the commissioner.
- (i) Lifetime license issued pursuant to this section are not transferrable.
- (j) Nonresidents of this state may not be purchase the licenses provided for in this section.
- (k) The holder of a valid disabled military veterans hunting or disabled military veterans freshwater fishing

- license shall also be entitled to all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage license.
- Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and
- 5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Military and Veterans Affairs
9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar with 1 substitute and 20-FEB-20
13 14 15	Read for the third time and passed as amended
16 17 18 19	Jeff Woodard Clerk