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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person who is totally  
9 disabled, upon payment of a \$1 issuance fee, may  
10 obtain a special disabled person's fishing license  
11 that is valid on a continuous basis during the  
12 period of total disability. There is no provision  
13 to allow a special disabled person's hunting  
14 license in a similar manner.

15 This bill would establish a special disabled  
16 person's hunting license to be valid on a  
17 continuous basis during the period of total  
18 disability upon the payment of a \$1 issuance fee.

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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT  
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24 To establish a special disabled person's hunting  
25 license to be valid on a continuous basis during the period of  
26 total disability; and to provide for an issuance fee.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. (a) Any person who is totally disabled  
2           and who has been a bona fide resident of the state for not  
3           less than six months next preceding the date of application,  
4           upon the payment of an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1), may  
5           procure a special disabled person's hunting license in the  
6           following manner: The applicant shall file, in the county in  
7           which he or she resides, with the person who is duly  
8           authorized to issue licenses, an application stating his or  
9           her age, place of residence, post office address, and length  
10          of residence in this state. The application shall have  
11          attached a sworn statement by a licensed physician or  
12          chiropractor of this state stating that the applicant is  
13          totally disabled.

14               (b) The hunting licenses issued pursuant to this  
15          section shall be valid on a continuous basis during the period  
16          of total disability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any  
17          conservation enforcement officer, upon reasonable belief that  
18          the license holder is no longer totally disabled, may request  
19          the holder to obtain a recertification of disability, which  
20          request shall be in writing. Upon the failure of the holder to  
21          furnish the recertification of disability within 90 days of  
22          receipt of request, the holder's license shall be void and  
23          shall be confiscated by the Department of Conservation and  
24          Natural Resources, Game and Fish Division.

25               (c) The issuing officer or authority shall be  
26          allowed an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1) for each license  
27          issued. In counties in which the judge of probate or issuing

1 officer is on a fee system, the issuing fee shall be retained  
2 by the judge of probate or issuing officer, and in a county in  
3 which the judge of probate is on a salary basis, the issuing  
4 fee shall be paid into the county treasury. These licenses  
5 shall not be issued by special agents. The name of the  
6 physician certifying to the disability of the licensee shall  
7 be written upon the license. No application shall be  
8 considered without furnishing the required medical statement.

9 (d) The licenses issued pursuant to this section  
10 shall be in lieu of the annual resident hunting licenses  
11 provided in Section 9-11-44, Code of Alabama 1975, but shall  
12 not supplant any additional license or requirement to hunt on  
13 a state-operated wildlife management area, as provided in  
14 Section 9-11-45, Code of Alabama 1975, or to hunt migratory  
15 waterfowl in this state, as provided in Section 9-11-433, Code  
16 of Alabama 1975.

17 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
18 first day of the third month following its passage and  
19 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.