

Senate Bill 687

Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Eliminates six-month residency requirement for issuance of angling or shellfish license to qualifying disabled veteran. Provides that veteran who currently resides in state is eligible for license. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to licensing disabled veterans under the wildlife laws; amending ORS 497.002 and 497.121;
3 and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 497.002 is amended to read:

6 497.002. Except as provided in ORS 497.006 **and 497.121 (1)(L) and (m)**, as used in this chapter:

7 (1)(a) "Resident" means a person who has physically resided in this state for not less than six
8 consecutive months immediately prior to the date of making application for a license, tag or permit
9 issued by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission.

10 (b) "Resident" does not include a person:

11 (A) Who merely owns real property or pays property taxes in this state; or

12 (B) Who claims resident privileges in another state or country for any purpose.

13 (2) "Nonresident" means any person other than a resident.

14 **SECTION 2.** ORS 497.121, as amended by section 3, chapter 56, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended
15 to read:

16 497.121. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may, upon application and payment of the
17 applicable fees established by the fee schedule under ORS 497.061, issue the following licenses and
18 tags to persons desiring to angle for fish or take shellfish:

19 (a) Resident annual angling license.

20 (b) Nonresident annual angling license.

21 (c) Nonresident angling license to angle for seven consecutive days.

22 (d) Angling and shellfish license to angle and take shellfish for one day.

23 (e) Angling license to angle for two days.

24 (f) Angling license to angle for three days.

25 (g) Resident annual shellfish license.

26 (h) Nonresident annual shellfish license.

27 (i) Nonresident three-day shellfish license.

28 (j) Two rod angling license for anglers who also hold a valid annual angling license.

29 (k) Resident annual senior citizen angling license for persons 70 years of age or older who have
30 resided in the state for not less than five years prior to the date of application.

31 (L) Resident disabled veteran angling license for a person who files with the commission written

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 proof that:

2 **(A) The person currently resides in the state; and**

3 **(B)** The last official certification of record by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
 4 or by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shows the person to be at least 25 per-
 5 cent disabled.

6 (m) Resident disabled veteran shellfish license for a person who files with the commission writ-
 7 ten proof that:

8 **(A) The person currently resides in the state; and**

9 **(B)** The last official certification of record by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
 10 or by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shows the person to be at least 25 per-
 11 cent disabled.

12 (n) Resident annual combined angling tag to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and
 13 halibut.

14 (o) Nonresident annual combined angling tag to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and
 15 halibut.

16 (p) Annual youth combined angling tag for persons under 18 years of age to angle for salmon,
 17 steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut.

18 (q) Renewable tag to angle for hatchery salmon and steelhead.

19 (r) Rogue-South Coast steelhead validation.

20 (s) Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead harvest card.

21 (2) Any person who holds a valid permanent angling license for persons who are blind or a
 22 permanent angling license for persons in a wheelchair issued by the commission before January 1,
 23 2000, need not obtain a resident annual angling license under this section.

24 (3) The annual combined angling tags to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut
 25 referred to in subsection (1)(n), (o), (p) and (q) of this section and the Rogue-South Coast steelhead
 26 validation and Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead harvest card referred to in subsection (1)(r) and (s)
 27 of this section are in addition to and not in lieu of the angling licenses required by the wildlife laws.
 28 However, an annual combined angling tag to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut
 29 is not required of a person who holds a valid angling license referred to in subsection (1)(c) to (f)
 30 of this section.

31 (4) The commission shall adopt rules concerning issuance of, and requirements related to, the
 32 Rogue-South Coast steelhead validation and the Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead harvest card de-
 33 scribed in subsection (1)(r) and (s) of this section. The rules must address when the validation and
 34 harvest card are required, relative to licenses, tags and permits that are required under the wildlife
 35 laws.

36 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, the moneys received from the sale
 37 of the Rogue-South Coast steelhead validation and the Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead harvest
 38 card described in subsection (1)(r) and (s) of this section shall be credited to the Rogue-South Coast
 39 Research and Monitoring Subaccount established under ORS 496.303.

40 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
 41 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**