

## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

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S.P. 304 - L.D. 879

**An Act To Increase State Wildlife Revenues and Grow the Hunting and  
Fishing Industries**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 651, §10, is further amended to read:

**4. Disabled veteran.** A resident disabled veteran or a nonresident disabled veteran who is a resident of New Hampshire or Vermont may obtain upon application, at no cost, all hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish, and, upon meeting the qualifications as established in section 12853, subsection 4, a guide license. The commissioner shall issue all fishing, trapping and hunting licenses and permits requested under this subsection if the commissioner determines the applicant is a ~~resident~~ disabled veteran and is not otherwise ineligible to hold that permit or license. For the purposes of this subsection, "~~resident~~ disabled veteran" means a person who:

- A. Is a resident as defined in section 10001, subsection 53 or is a resident of New Hampshire or Vermont;
- B. Is a veteran as defined in Title 37-B, section 505, subsection 2, paragraph A, subparagraph (3); and
- C. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at:
  - (1) One hundred percent; or
  - (2) Seventy percent or more as a result of honorable military service and who has served in a combat zone during any armed conflict in which participants were exposed to war risk hazards as defined in 42 United States Code, Section 1711 (b).

Each application must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection. An applicant for a license or permit under this section is subject to the provisions of this Part, including, but not limited to, a lottery or drawing system for issuing a particular license or permit. A permit or license issued

under this subsection remains valid for the life of the permit or license holder, as long as the permit or license holder continues to satisfy the residency requirement in section 10001, subsection 53 and the permit or license is not revoked or suspended. For a resident of New Hampshire or Vermont to be eligible under this subsection, that resident's state must have a reciprocal agreement with this State.