

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Boone, Esquivel, Freeman, Komp, Matthews, Riley, Weidner, Cowan  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 5/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue at no charge recreational shellfish license to resident disabled veterans of at least 25 percent disability rating.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Level of disability
- Current statute regarding angling license
- Legislative counsel request
- Support from veterans community

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Resolves conflicts with Senate Bill 96.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission exempts angling license annual fees for a resident disabled veteran with a 25 percent disability rating issued from either the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States. The provisions of Senate Bill 400-A extend the exemption to include a shellfish license.