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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act amends a part of the wildlife laws. The Act is about allowing persons with certain disabilities to fish and harvest shellfish. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.7).

Classifies a person with a documented intellectual or developmental disability as a person with a disability for purposes of wildlife laws that pertain to angling and harvesting shellfish.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to the classification of persons with disabilities under the wildlife
3 laws; amending ORS 496.018.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 496.018, as amended by section 107, chapter 73, Oregon
6 Laws 2024, is amended to read:

7 496.018. (1) In order to be considered a person with a disability under the
8 wildlife laws, a person shall provide to the State Fish and Wildlife Commis-
9 sion either:

10 [(1)] (a) Written certification from a licensed physician, licensed nurse
11 practitioner or licensed physician associate that states that the person:

12 [(a)] (A) Is permanently unable to walk without the use of, or assistance
13 from, a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, wheelchair, scooter or walker;

14 [(b)] (B) Is restricted by lung disease to the extent that the person's
15 forced expiratory volume for one second, when measured by a spirometer, is
16 less than 35 percent predicted, or arterial oxygen tension is less than 55
17 mm/Hg on room air at rest;

18 [(c)] (C) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional

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 limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV, according to
2 standards established by the American Heart Association;

3 [(d)] (D) Has a permanent, physical impairment that prevents the person
4 from holding or shooting a firearm or bow or from holding a fishing rod in
5 hand; or

6 [(e)] (E) Has central visual acuity that permanently does not exceed
7 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the
8 visual field is no greater than 20 degrees; or

9 [(2)] (b) Written proof that the last official certification of record by the
10 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed
11 Forces of the United States shows the person to be at least 65 percent dis-
12 bled.

13 **(2) In order to be considered a person with a disability under pro-**
14 **visions of the wildlife laws that pertain to angling or harvesting**
15 **shellfish, a person shall provide to the commission either:**

16 **(a) Written certification described in subsection (1)(a) of this sec-**
17 **tion;**

18 **(b) Written proof described in subsection (1)(b) of this section; or**

19 **(c) Written certification from a licensed physician, licensed nurse**
20 **practitioner or licensed physician associate that states that the person**
21 **has an intellectual or developmental disability that prevents the per-**
22 **son from holding or operating angling or shellfish harvesting equip-**
23 **ment, including rods, reels, clam guns, shovels and other equipment**
24 **typically used for angling or for harvesting shellfish.**