



Support HB2039

I write to testify in support of HB2039. I am representing the Kansas Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America. Our Council is in favor of passage of this bill which will completely eliminate the need for fishing licenses and small game hunting licenses for disabled veterans. Also, the bill would mandate no cost hunting licenses for disabled veterans seeking to hunt certain types of larger game.

Disabled veterans have served our country and suffered injury or illness connected to their service. It is only fitting we not assess license requirements or license fees for such individuals who have sacrificed for our national interests.

I would ask the committee to support an amendment to clarify the definition of a service connected disabled veteran in this regulatory context. As filed, the text of HB2039 excludes some service connected disabled veterans from the benefits provided in the bill. Amended language consistent with Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations language defining service connected disabled veterans will qualify more disabled veterans for this benefit and not exclude certain disabled veterans by their disability rating percentage or the federal cabinet Secretary that granted their service connected disabled status. Be advised, not all disability for veterans is granted by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The Kansas Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America urges the committee to favorably report HB2039 to the House floor with amended language consistent with Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations pertaining to the definition of a service connected disabled veteran.

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