**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-525(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DISABILITY LICENSES FOR HUNTING AND FISHING, TO ALLOW RESIDENTS RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM A STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO OBTAIN A THREE-YEAR COMBINATION OR FISHING LICENSE AT NO COST.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 50-9-525(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50-9-525. (A) A resident who is determined to be disabled and receiving benefits under a Social Security program, the Civil Service Retirement System, ~~the South Carolina State Retirement System~~ a state retirement system, the Railroad Retirement Board, the Veterans Administration, or Medicaid, or their successor agencies or programs, may obtain a three year disability combination license or a three year disability fishing license at no cost. The license must be issued by the department from its designated offices and is valid for three years from the date of issue. Disability recertification is required for renewal. To recertify, an applicant must furnish proof, in the manner prescribed by the department, that he or she is currently receiving disability benefits and is a domiciled resident of this State. The department may waive the proof of disability benefit requirement for renewals where the resident is at least sixty‑five years of age.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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