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**Rural Development, Agriculture, &  
Natural Resources Committee**

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**HB 1230**

**Brief Description:** Broadening the eligibility for a reduced recreational hunting and fishing license rate for resident disabled hunters and fishers.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Barkis, Blake, Walsh, Dolan, Doglio, Irwin, Springer, Lekanoff, Eslick, Appleton and Tarleton; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to issue hunting and fishing licenses at a 50 percent discount from the resident rate to residents with a permanent disability documented by a medical provider.

**Hearing Date:** 1/25/19

**Staff:** Robert Hatfield (786-7117).

**Background:**

Fishing and Hunting Licenses.

With certain exceptions, a person is required to purchase a fishing or hunting license from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in order to hunt or fish in Washington. By statute, WDFW charges different rates to Washington residents and nonresidents for hunting and fishing licenses.

The WDFW is required to issue combination fishing licenses at the reduced rate of \$5 and all hunting licenses at the youth hunting license rate for certain groups, including residents with disabilities who permanently use a wheelchair, and residents who are blind or visually impaired.

**Summary of Bill:**

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Reduced Rate for Fishing and Hunting Licenses for Residents with a Permanent Disability.

Upon written application and subject to WDFW verification of eligibility, the WDFW must issue hunting and fishing licenses defined by the WDFW by rule at a 50 percent discount from the resident rate to residents with a permanent disability documented by a physician, physician's assistant, or registered nurse practitioner.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.