

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB634

Hearing Date: Thursday March 12, 2015
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Garrett
One Liner: Provide for issuance of permits under the Game Law to prisoners of war

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Friesen, Hughes, Johnson, Kolowski, Lindstrom, McCollister, Schilz, Schnoor
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents: Senator Tommy Garrett Timothy McCoy	Representing: Introducer Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 634 represents the combined contents of LB 634, LB 636, and LB 637, all of which provide for discounted permits under the Game Law for military members, their spouses, and prisoners of war.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment becomes the bill and would do the following:

* amend the statute authorizing hunting, fishing or fur harvesting permits for non-resident active duty military members serving in Nebraska, by also allowing the active duty member's non-resident spouse to get the same permit;

* amend the statute authorizing free combination fishing and hunting permits, habitat stamps, aquatic habitat stamps and Nebraska migratory waterfowl stamps for resident veterans, by adding that prisoners of war are eligible for the same; and

* amend the statute that allows \$5 permits and other permit-related benefits for deployed military residents by allowing a deployed military resident, and such resident's spouse, who is on leave in Nebraska to receive an annual combination fishing and hunting permit. The resident on leave or the spouse must pay \$5 and provide evidence of the deployment.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson