

The House Committee on Game, Fish and Parks offers the following substitute to HB 207:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to licenses, permits, and stamps for hunting, trapping, or fishing, so as to authorize
3 issuance of a special turkey-hunting permit for certain young and mobility impaired hunters;
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 licenses, permits, and stamps for hunting, trapping, or fishing, is amended by adding a new
9 Code section to read as follows:

10 "27-2-4.4.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'mobility impaired person' means any person
12 who has been verified by a doctor of medicine currently licensed to practice by the Georgia
13 Composite Medical Board, the State Board of Examiners in Osteopathy, or an equivalent
14 body of another state to have any one of the following permanent conditions:

15 (1) Dependence upon a wheelchair or similar device for ambulation;

16 (2) Hemiplegia;

17 (3) Monoplegia;

18 (4) Paraplegia; or

19 (5) Single-leg amputation above the knee.

20 (b) The commissioner may issue special authorization to hunt turkeys during an extended
21 open season to:

22 (1) Any person who is 16 years of age or younger; or

23 (2) Any mobility impaired person.

24 (c) Any such special authorization shall be for the weekend prior to the first weekend of
25 the open turkey season, as established by the department, and shall not be valid for
26 subsequent seasons unless reauthorization is approved.

27 (d) Such special authorization shall be subject to all other provisions of this title, and the
28 commissioner may impose any additional terms and conditions deemed necessary to
29 implement the provisions of this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.