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Bill Summary

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Overview

Allows the Commissioner of Natural Resources to give first preference to qualified service members or veterans in any drawing or lottery for hunting and fishing licenses, and permits, except those for taking elk, prairie chicken or moose.

"Qualified service member or veteran" means a resident in the armed forces, either currently serving, or who has served within the past two years.

"Active service" means the type of service under U.S. Code, Titles 10 and 32, which is defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 190.05, subdivision 5, clauses (b) and (c), basically meaning serving under federal authorization and funding.