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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1558

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03/14/2019 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy Division
By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; allowing resident military service members and veterans to
1.3 use alternate proof of residency for game and fish licenses; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 97A.405, subdivision 5.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 97A.405, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. Resident licenses. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), to obtain a resident
1.8 license, a resident 21 years of age or older must:

- 1.9 (1) possess a current Minnesota driver's license;
1.10 (2) possess a current identification card issued by the commissioner of public safety; or
1.11 (3) present evidence showing proof of residency in cases when clause (1) or (2) would
1.12 violate the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, Public Law 103-141.

1.13 (b) A person who does not possess the proof of residency provided for in paragraph (a)
1.14 may obtain a resident license by presenting a recent leave and earnings statement issued to
1.15 the person by the United States Department of Defense that indicates the person is a resident
1.16 of the state if the person:

- 1.17 (1) is in the armed forces of the United States, stationed outside of the state, and in the
1.18 state on leave; or
1.19 (2) separated from the armed forces of the United States under honorable conditions
1.20 within the preceding six months.