

By Mr. McLaughlin of Billerica, petition of Michael E. McLaughlin relative to granting free fishing licenses to persons sixty-five years of age or over. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT EXEMPTING PEOPLE OVER SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE FROM PAYMENT OF A FEE FOR A FISHING LICENSE AND PROVIDING FOR A SUBSIDY TO THE INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME FUND FOR THE LOSS OF REVENUE RESULTING FROM THIS EXEMPTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 2 the following section: —
3 *Section 2A.* The director shall annually on or before the first
4 Wednesday of February certify to the treasurer the number of
5 fishing licenses issued in the prior year free of charge to
6 persons over the age of sixty-five and the amount of money
7 that would have been credited to the Inland Fisheries and
8 Game Fund, had such licenses been paid for upon receipt of
9 the certificate the treasurer shall credit to said fund a sum
10 equal to the amount so certified by the director, and such sum,
11 subject to appropriation shall be used for all purposes as
12 authorized by section two.

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of section 11 of said
2 chapter 131 is hereby amended by striking out the next to the
3 last sentence, as amended by chapter 652 of the acts of 1969,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — No fee
5 shall be charged for any license issued under this paragraph to
6 a person over the age of sixty-five, or for a fishing license
7 issued under this paragraph to a paraplegic, or for a fishing
8 license issued under this paragraph to a person who is blind or
9 mentally retarded.

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 11, 1903.

The Committee of Education

is of the opinion that the following

REPORT

is a report on the subject of the

SECTION 1. That the

SECTION 2. That the