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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Authorizes the grandchildren of any age (rather than only grandchildren under 18 as in current law) of an Ohio resident landowner to hunt or fish on the landowner's property without obtaining a hunting license, deer permit, wild turkey permit, fur taker permit, fishing license, or waterfowl hunting permit.
- Generally authorizes the grandchildren of other types of landowners, such as nonresident landowners who own property in Ohio, to hunt or fish without a permit or license.
- Authorizes certain partially disabled veterans to receive a fishing license, hunting license, fur taker permit, deer or wild turkey permit, or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of those licenses, permits, or stamp free of charge.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### License and permit exemptions

The bill authorizes the grandchildren *of any age* of an Ohio resident landowner to hunt or fish on the landowner's property without obtaining a hunting license, deer permit, wild turkey permit, fur taker permit, fishing license, or waterfowl hunting area permit (permit or license). Current law authorizes a resident landowner's grandchildren *under 18* to hunt without a hunting license. However, a grandchild must obtain a deer, wild turkey, fur taker, and waterfowl hunting area permit and a fishing license under current law. The bill retains the authorization that allows the landowner's children of any age to hunt or fish on the landowner's property without a license or permit.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.32, and 1533.81.

It also authorizes the grandchildren of other types of landowners to hunt and fish without a permit or license. The following table illustrates those authorizations compared to current law:<sup>2</sup>

Type of landowner	Current law	Authorization under H.B. 559
Non-Ohio resident who owns property in Ohio	Grandchildren are not authorized to hunt or fish without a permit or license.	<p>Grandchildren of any age that live with the nonresident landowner may hunt or fish without a hunting or fishing license.</p> <p>Grandchildren of any age are exempt from the requirements to obtain a deer, wild turkey, fur taker, and waterfowl hunting area permit when hunting on the landowners' property. A grandchild is not required to live with the landowner in order to be so exempt.</p> <p>For any exemption to apply to an out-of-state landowner, the landowner's state of residence must provide reciprocal hunting and fishing rights for Ohio residents.</p>
An individual resident member or partner of a limited liability company or a limited liability partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, when the property is owned by the company or partnership	<p>Grandchildren of the member or partner under 18 may hunt without a hunting license on the property.</p> <p>Grandchildren must obtain a deer, wild turkey, or fur taker permit or fishing license when hunting or fishing on the landowners' property.</p>	<p>Grandchildren of any age of the member or partner may hunt or fish on the property without a license.</p> <p>Grandchildren of any age are exempt from the requirements to obtain a deer, wild turkey, and fur taker permit when hunting on the land.</p>

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.32, and 1533.81.

Type of landowner	Current law	Authorization under H.B. 559
An individual resident trustee or beneficiary of a trust that has a total of three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, when the property is owned by the trust	Grandchildren of the trustee or beneficiary under 18 may hunt without a hunting license on the property.  Grandchildren must obtain a deer, wild turkey, or fur taker permit or fishing license when hunting or fishing on the landowners' property.	Grandchildren of any age of the trustee or beneficiary may hunt or fish on the property without a license.  Grandchildren of any age are exempt from the requirements to obtain a deer, wild turkey, and fur taker permit when hunting on the land.
Tenant residing on lands in Ohio	Grandchildren are not authorized to hunt or fish without a permit or license.	Grandchildren of any age may hunt without a hunting license or a deer, wild turkey, or fur taker permit and may fish without a license on the property.

## Free permit, license, and stamp for partially disabled veteran

The bill requires the Division of Wildlife to issue, free of charge, a fishing license, hunting license, fur taker permit, deer or wild turkey permit, or wetlands habitat stamp to an Ohio resident who is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, including reserve components, or of the National Guard, if that veteran has both:

1. Been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions; and
2. Received a schedule rating of 50% or more for compensation based on individual unemployability for a service-connected disability or combination of service-connected disabilities as prescribed in federal law.<sup>3</sup>

## HISTORY

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 1533.12.