

House Bill 207

By: Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Roberts of the 155th, Tankersley of the 160th, Williams of the 168th, Nimmer of the 178th, and others

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 provide a
3 definition; to authorize issuance of a special turkey-hunting permit for young and mobility
4 impaired hunters; to amend Code Section 27-3-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
5 relating to seasons and bag limits for wildlife, so as to provide for an extended turkey season
6 for young and mobility impaired hunters; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "27-2-4.4.

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

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

19 (2) Hemiplegia;

20 (3) Monoplegia;

21 (4) Paraplegia; or

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

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

25 (1) Any person who is 16 years of age or younger at any time during the year in which
26 special authorization is sought pursuant to this Code section; or

