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## **Looper Helping Our Wounded Warriors Heal**

*Awaiting the governor's signature*

Many of our veterans returning from Iraq or Afghanistan are turning to outdoor activities to help heal the physical and mental wounds sustained in combat.

State Rep. Marsha Looper's, R-Calhan, is helping soldiers pursue their hobbies with proposal that would allow the Colorado Division of Wildlife commission to waive \$500 big game license fees to servicemen and women in the Wounded Warrior program.

"These soldiers find relief in the great-outdoors, fishing, hunting or skiing," Looper said. "These outdoor recreational activities provide a brief recess from the day-to-day rehabilitation activities, endless surgeries and excruciation pain from their injuries."

The Division of Wildlife is joined with several non-profit organizations throughout Colorado and each group organizes outings to get the wounded soldiers out of hospitals and sterile institutions.

Currently, the cost of a big game license for many of the injured service members is beyond their reach and this authorization may allow up to 75 of our most severely wounded warriors to enjoy Colorado's great outdoors.

"Outdoor activities provide a way to help our wounded hero's from post-traumatic stress and will build their confidence level up," Looper said. "This is one more opportunity for the citizens of Colorado to honor the men and women of the wounded warrior program for their enduring sacrifices and hardships as a result of their duty for our liberties and freedom."

Senate Bill 211 successfully passed the House and Senate and now will proceed to the governor for consideration.

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