

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to waving fishing, hunting and trapping license fees for certain first responders

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 11-0715 of the environmental  
2 conservation law, as amended by section 4 of part R of chapter 58 of the  
3 laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:  
4 2. A member of the Shinnecock tribe or the Poospatuck tribe or a  
5 member of the six nations, residing on any reservation wholly or partly  
6 within the state, is entitled to receive free of charge a fishing  
7 license, a hunting license, a muzzle-loading privilege, a trapping  
8 license, and a bowhunting privilege; a resident of the state who is a  
9 member of the United States armed forces in active service who is not  
10 stationed within the state and has not been herein longer than thirty  
11 days on leave or furlough, is entitled to receive free of charge a fish-  
12 ing license, a hunting license, and a trapping license; a resident of  
13 the state who is an active member of the organized militia of the state  
14 of New York as defined by section one of the military law, or the  
15 reserve components of the armed forces of the United States, and exclud-  
16 ing members of the inactive national guard and individual ready reserve,  
17 is entitled to receive free of charge a fishing license, a hunting  
18 license, and a trapping license; a resident of the state who is a certi-  
19 fied first responder who was disabled as a result of a certified World  
20 Trade Center medical condition is entitled to receive free of charge a  
21 fishing license, a hunting license, and a trapping license; and a resi-  
22 dent who is blind is entitled to receive a fishing license free of  
23 charge. For the purposes of this subdivision a person is blind only if  
24 either: (a) his or her central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 the better eye with correcting lenses, or (b) his or her visual acuity  
2 is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation of the field  
3 of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an  
4 angle no greater than 20 degrees.  
5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.