

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DiPIETRO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to authorizing certain free permits, stamps and privileges for qualified hunting instructors

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) 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~~].

9 (b) A resident of the state who is a member of the United States armed
10 forces in active service who is not stationed within the state and has
11 not been herein longer than thirty days on leave or furlough, is enti-
12 tled to receive free of charge a fishing license, a hunting license, and
13 a trapping license[~~;-a~~].

14 (c) A resident of the state who is an active member of the organized
15 militia of the state of New York as defined by section one of the mili-
16 tary law, or the reserve components of the armed forces of the United
17 States, and excluding members of the inactive national guard and indi-
18 vidual ready reserve, is entitled to receive free of charge a fishing
19 license, a hunting license, and a trapping license[~~;-and-a~~].

20 (d) A resident who is blind is entitled to receive a fishing license
21 free of charge. For the purposes of this subdivision a person is blind
22 only if either: [~~(a)~~] (i) [~~his or her~~] such person's central visual
23 acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses,
24 or [~~(b)~~] (ii) [~~his or her~~] such person's visual acuity is greater than

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

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1 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation of the field of vision such
2 that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no great-
3 er than 20 degrees.

4 (e) A resident in the state for a period of thirty days immediately
5 prior to the date of application who has attained the age of seventy is
6 entitled to receive a fishing license, a trapping license, and a hunting
7 license, at a cost of five dollars for each license.

8 (f) A resident in the state for a period of thirty days immediately
9 prior to the date of application who has attained the age of seventy is
10 entitled to receive free of charge a bowhunting privilege and a muzzle-
11 loading privilege.

12 (g) A resident of the state who is duly qualified and designated by
13 the department to give instruction and issue certification in responsi-
14 ble hunting, responsible bowhunting or responsible trapping practices
15 required for licensure under section 11-0713 of this article, and who
16 provides such instruction with or without compensation, is entitled to
17 receive free of charge a bowhunting privilege, a muzzle-loading privi-
18 lege, a turkey permit, a duck stamp, and a doe permit.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.