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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to licenses for certain individuals and to repeal subdivision 4 of section 11-0715 of such law relating thereto

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 11-0715 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 418 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

2. [A] THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE LICENSES, STAMPS, TAGS, BUTTONS AND/OR PERMITS AS FOLLOWS:

A. A resident in the state for thirty days immediately prior to the date of application who has attained the age of seventy is entitled to receive all licenses, stamps, tags, buttons, and permits authorized by this title for which he or she is eligible, except turkey permits, renewable each year for a five dollar fee;

B. a member of the Shinnecock tribe or the Poospatuck tribe or a member of the six nations, residing on any reservation wholly or partly within the state, is entitled to receive free of charge a fishing license, a small and big game license, a sportsman license, a muzzle-loading stamp, a trapping license, and a bow hunting stamp;

C. a resident of the state who is a member of the United States armed forces in active service who is not stationed within the state and has not been herein longer than thirty days on leave or furlough, is entitled to receive free of charge a fishing license, a small and big game license, and a trapping license;

D. an active member of the organized militia of the state of New York as defined by section one of the military law, or the reserve components

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

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of the armed forces of the United States, and excluding members of the inactive national guard and individual ready reserve, is entitled to receive free of charge a fishing license, a small and big game license, and a trapping license; [and]

E. A PERSON RESIDENT IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF APPLICATION, WHO HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND CERTIFIED AS HAVING A FORTY PERCENT OR GREATER SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FREE OF CHARGE ALL LICENSES, STAMPS, TAGS, BUTTONS, AND PERMITS AUTHORIZED BY THIS TITLE FOR WHICH HE OR SHE IS ELIGIBLE, EXCEPT TURKEY PERMITS;

F. A PERSON RESIDENT IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF APPLICATION, WHO HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND WHO SERVED DURING A TIME OF WAR AS DEFINED IN SECTION EIGHTY-FIVE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW, IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A SPORTSMAN LICENSE AT THE COST OF TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AS A LICENSE FEE, A SMALL AND BIG GAME LICENSE AT THE COST OF FOURTEEN DOLLARS AS A LICENSE FEE, AND A FISHING LICENSE AT THE COST OF FOURTEEN DOLLARS AS A LICENSE FEE;

G. A PERSON RESIDENT IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE DATE OF APPLICATION, WHO HAS A DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-ONE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A SPORTSMAN LICENSE AT THE COST OF TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AS A LICENSE FEE, A SMALL AND BIG GAME LICENSE AT THE COST OF FOURTEEN DOLLARS AS A LICENSE FEE, AND A FISHING LICENSE AT THE COST OF FOURTEEN DOLLARS AS A LICENSE FEE;

H. a resident who is blind is entitled to receive a fishing license free of charge. For the purposes of this subdivision a person is blind only if either: [(a)] (I) his or her central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or [(b)] (II) his or her visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation of the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees[.]; AND

[A] I. A resident in the state for a period of thirty days immediately prior to the date of application who has attained the age of sixty-five is entitled to receive a sportsman license at the cost of five dollars as a license fee.

S 2. Subdivision 4 of section 11-0715 of the environmental conservation law is REPEALED.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.