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Introduced by Sen. YOUNG -- 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 free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses to state residents who are active duty members of the United States armed services

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 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; 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; a resident of the state who is a member of the United States armed forces in active service [who is not] REGARDLESS OF WHERE HE OR SHE IS 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; 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 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 a resident who is blind is entitled to receive a fishing license free of charge. For the purposes

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

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of this subdivision a person is blind only if either: (a) his or her central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or (b) 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.

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. This act shall take effect immediately.