

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## 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 free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses to persons who are active or reserve duty members of the United States armed services or of the organized militia, and to certain veterans thereof

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 regardless of where such individual is stationed [~~within the state and~~  
11 ~~has not been herein longer than thirty days on leave or furlough~~], is  
12 entitled to receive free of charge a fishing license, a hunting license,  
13 and a trapping license; [~~a resident of the state who is~~] an active  
14 member of a force of the organized militia [~~of the state of New York~~] as  
15 defined by section one of the military law, or the reserve components of  
16 the armed forces of the United States, and excluding members of the  
17 inactive national guard and individual ready reserve, is entitled to  
18 receive free of charge a fishing license, a hunting license, and a trap-  
19 ping license; a person, having ten or more years of military service,  
20 who has been honorably discharged from active or reserve service in the  
21 United States armed forces, or from a force of the organized militia as  
22 defined in section one of the military law, excluding the inactive  
23 national guard and individual ready reserve, is entitled to receive free

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

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1 of charge a fishing license, a hunting license, and a trapping license;  
2 and a resident who is blind is entitled to receive a fishing license  
3 free of charge. For the purposes of this subdivision a person is blind  
4 only if either: (a) [~~his or her~~] their central visual acuity does not  
5 exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or (b) [~~his or~~  
6 ~~her~~] their visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a  
7 limitation of the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the  
8 visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

9 A resident in the state for a period of thirty days immediately prior  
10 to the date of application who has attained the age of seventy is enti-  
11 tled to receive a fishing license, a trapping license, and a hunting  
12 license, at a cost of five dollars for each license.

13 A resident in the state for a period of thirty days immediately prior  
14 to the date of application who has attained the age of seventy is enti-  
15 tled to receive free of charge a bowhunting privilege and a muzzle-load-  
16 ing privilege.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.