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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. OBERACKER -- 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 providing tax credits equal to the cost of hunting and fishing license fees for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers

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 section 4 of part R of chapter 58 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

2. 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 hunting license, a muzzle-loading privilege, a trapping license, and a bowhunting privilege; 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 hunting license, and a trapping license; a resident of the state who is 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 hunting license, and a trapping license; **a volunteer ambulance worker, as defined in subdivision one of section three of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law, or a volunteer firefighter, as defined in subdivision one of section three of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, is entitled to receive a New York state tax credit equal to the cost of a fishing license, and a small and big game license;** and a resident who is blind is entitled to receive a fishing license free of charge. For the

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

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purposes of this subdivision a person is blind only if either: (a) [~~his or her~~] their central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or (b) [~~his or her~~] their 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 seventy is entitled to receive a fishing license, a trapping license, and a hunting license, at a cost of five dollars for each license.

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.