

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 30, 2025

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 free fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses 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[~~7~~].

9 [~~a~~] (b) A resident of the state who is a member of the United States
10 armed forces in active service who is not 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[~~7~~].

14 [~~a~~] (c) A resident of the state who is an active member of the organ-
15 ized militia of the state of New York as defined by section one of the
16 military law, or the reserve components of the armed forces of the
17 United States, and excluding members of the inactive national guard and
18 individual ready reserve, is entitled to receive free of charge a fish-
19 ing license, a hunting license, and a trapping license[~~7~~ and].

20 [~~a~~] (d) A resident who is blind is entitled to receive a fishing
21 license free of charge. For the purposes of this subdivision a person is
22 blind only if either: [~~(a) his or her~~] (i) such person's central visual
23 acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses,
24 or [~~(b) his or her~~] (ii) 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 without compensation, is entitled to receive
17 free of charge a fishing license, a hunting license, and a trapping
18 license.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.