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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SEMPOLINSKI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the issuance of free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses to members of the Seneca nation

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph c of subdivision 4 of section
2 11-0703 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 2
3 of part R of chapter 58 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (2) Indian residents or members of the six nations residing on any
6 reservation wholly or partly within the state, and members of the Seneca
7 nation residing within the state; and

8 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 11-0715 of the environmental conserva-
9 tion law, as amended by section 4 of part R of chapter 58 of the laws of
10 2013, is amended to read as follows:

11 2. A member of the Shinnecock tribe or the Poospatuck tribe or a
12 member of the six nations, residing on any reservation wholly or partly
13 within the state, or a member of the Seneca nation residing within the
14 state, is entitled to receive free of charge a fishing license, a hunt-
15 ing license, a muzzle-loading privilege, a trapping license, and a
16 bowhunting privilege; a resident of the state who is a member of the
17 United States armed forces in active service who is not stationed within
18 the state and has not been herein longer than thirty days on leave or
19 furlough, is entitled to receive free of charge a fishing license, a
20 hunting license, and a trapping license; a resident of the state who is
21 an active member of the organized militia of the state of New York as
22 defined by section one of the military law, or the reserve components of
23 the armed forces of the United States, and excluding members of the
24 inactive national guard and individual ready reserve, is entitled to

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

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

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

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

18 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
19 have become a law.