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Introduced by Representatives Shaw of Pittsford, Bancroft of Westford, Beck  
of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski,  
Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Corcoran of  
Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City,  
Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell,  
Howard of Rutland City, Hubert of Milton, Juskiewicz of  
Cambridge, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon,  
Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Martel of Waterford,  
McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of  
Bennington, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby  
of Concord, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Sullivan of  
Dorset, Tate of Mendon, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Viens of  
Newport City, Walz of Barre City, and Wright of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife; hunting; fishing; licenses; no-cost license

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to lower from  
70 years of age to 65 years of age the age at which a person may receive  
certain hunting or fishing licenses at no cost.

An act relating to ~~awarding hunting and fishing licenses at no cost to persons 65 years of age or older~~ *permanent licenses for persons 66 years of age or older*

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 ~~Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c) is amended to read:~~

3 (c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the  
4 Department by a person qualifying as follows:

5 (1) A Vermont resident ~~70~~ 65 years of age or older may receive one or  
6 all of the following licenses at no cost:

7 (A) a permanent fishing license;

8 (B) if the person qualifies for a hunting license, a combination  
9 fishing and hunting license, which shall include all big game licenses, except  
10 for a moose license;

11 (C) if the person qualifies for a trapping license, a trapping  
12 license; and

13 (D) if the person qualifies for an archery license, an archery license.

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15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 ~~This act shall take effect on passage.~~

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*(c) A permanent or free license may be secured on application to the  
Department by a person qualifying as follows:*

*(1) A Vermont resident ~~70~~ 66 years of age or older may receive one or*

*all of the following licenses ~~at no cost~~ for \$60.00:*

*(A) a permanent fishing license;*

*(B) if the person qualifies for a hunting license, a permanent combination fishing and hunting license, which shall include all big game licenses, except for a moose license;*

*(C) if the person qualifies for a trapping license, a permanent trapping license; and*

*(D) if the person qualifies for an archery license, ~~at~~ a permanent archery license.*

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~~*Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE: IMPLEMENTATION*~~

~~*This act shall take effect on passage, provided that the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall not start collecting license fees for licenses issued under 10 V.S.A. § 4255(C)(1) until July 1, 2017.*~~

*Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.*