

**No. 143. An act relating to Abenaki hunting and fishing licenses.**

(H.716)

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

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

§ 4255. LICENSE FEES

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

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(7) A certified citizen of a Native American Indian tribe that has been recognized by the State pursuant to 1 V.S.A. chapter 23 may receive a free permanent fishing license or, if the person qualifies for a hunting license, a free permanent combination hunting and fishing license upon submission of a current and valid tribal identification card.

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Sec. 2. REPORT

On or before January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall report to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy the number of licenses issued pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c)(7).

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

Date Governor signed bill: July 13, 2020