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2	Introduced by Representatives Scheu of Middlebury, Bock of Chester,
3	Brumsted of Shelburne, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown
4	Springs, Conlon of Cornwall, Cordes of Lincoln, Harrison of
5	Chittenden, Houghton of Essex, Lanpher of Vergennes,
6	Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Norris of
7	Shoreham, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of
8	Worcester, Redmond of Essex, Shaw of Pittsford, Squirrell of
9	Underhill, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre
10	City, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte
11	Referred to Committee on
12	Date:
13	Subject: Fish and wildlife; fishing; licenses; free license for persons with a
14	developmental disability
15	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide a free
16	fishing license to Vermont residents who have a developmental disability.

An act relating to fishing licenses for persons with a developmentaldisability

BILL AS INTRODUCED 2019

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	* * *
6	(2) A person who is legally blind who is a Vermont resident may receive
7	a free permanent fishing license upon submittal of proper proof of blindness as
8	the Commissioner shall require. A person who is legally blind who is a
9	resident in a state which that provides a reciprocal privilege for Vermont
10	residents may receive a free one-year fishing license.
11	(3) A Vermont resident with paraplegia as defined in subdivision
12	4001(30) of this title or a permanent, severe, physical mobility disability
13	certified by a physician may receive a free permanent fishing license or, if the
14	person qualifies for a hunting license, a free combination hunting and fishing
15	license. A person with paraplegia or a person certified by a physician to have
16	permanent, severe, physical mobility disability who is a resident of a state
17	which that provides a reciprocal privilege for Vermont residents may receive a
18	free one-year fishing license, or if the person qualifies for a hunting license, a
19	free one-year combination fishing and hunting license.
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1	(5) A person participating in a fishing tournament for Special Olympics
2	may receive a free fishing license valid for that event.
3	* * *
4	(7) A person who has a developmental disability, as that term is defined
5	in 18 V.S.A. § 9302, and who is a Vermont resident may receive a free
6	permanent fishing license upon submittal of proper proof of a developmental
7	disability as the Commissioner shall require. A person who has a
8	developmental disability and who is a resident in a state that provides a
9	reciprocal privilege for Vermont residents may receive a free one-year fishing
10	license.
11	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
12	This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.