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Introduced by Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Cina of Burlington,
Webb of Shelburne, Austin of Colchester, Batchelor of Derby,
Kitzmiller of Montpelier, and Patt of Worcester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; hunting; Native American affairs

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide free
hunting and fishing licenses to members of the Abenaki tribe.

An act relating to Abenaki hunting and fishing licenses

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 person who is a certified citizen of one of the State-recognized
Native American Indian tribes may receive a free permanent combination~~

1 ~~hunting and fishing license upon submission of a current and valid tribal~~
2 ~~identification card.~~

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4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.~~

~~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 person who is a certified citizen of one of the State-recognized Native American Indian tribes may receive a free permanent combination hunting and fishing license upon submission of a current and valid tribal identification card or if the person is a minor, upon written certification from the minor's parent or guardian that the minor is a citizen of the State-recognized Native American Indian tribes.~~

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~~Sec. 2. REPORT~~

~~On or before January 15, 2022, 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).~~

~~Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE~~

~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.~~

~~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).

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.