

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill No.
3 716 entitled “An act relating to Abenaki hunting and fishing licenses”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in
6 lieu thereof the following:

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

8 § 4255. LICENSE FEES

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

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13 (7)(A) A certified citizen of a State-recognized Native American Indian
14 tribe may receive a free permanent fishing license or, if the person qualifies for
15 a hunting license, a free permanent combination hunting and fishing license
16 upon submission of a current and valid tribal identification card.

17 (B) A minor may receive a free permanent fishing license or, if the
18 minor qualifies for a hunting license, a free permanent combination hunting
19 and fishing license upon submission of a current and valid tribal identification
20 card or upon written certification from the minor’s parent or guardian, who is

1 also a certified citizen of a State-recognized Native American Indian tribe, that
2 the minor is a citizen of a State-recognized Native American Indian tribe.

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4 Sec. 2. REPORT

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

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

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20 Representative _____

21 FOR THE COMMITTEE