

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

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19 Sec. 2. REPORT

20 On or before January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall
21 report to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and

1 the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy the number of licenses
2 issued pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4255(c)(7).

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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12 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE