

S.289

Introduced by Senator Brennan

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Fish and wildlife; licenses; revenue; reimbursement of lost fee
revenue

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
State to reimburse the Department of Fish and Wildlife for license fee revenue
lost on or after July 1, 2026, due to the issuance of statutorily required free,
discounted, or exempt hunting, fishing, trapping, or combination licenses.

An act relating to reimbursing the Department of Fish and Wildlife for lost
license fee revenue

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

(a) Vermont residents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the
Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

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(f)(1) On and after July 1, 2026, the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall
be reimbursed for lost revenue resulting from:

1 (4) The Commissioner annually on or before January 15 shall submit to
2 the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance and the House
3 Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means an accounting of lost
4 revenue from the previous calendar year due to the issuance of free licenses.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.