

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

13                   It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

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

15                   § 4255. LICENSE FEES

16                   (a) Vermont residents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the

17                   Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

1                   (A) the required issuance under statute of free or partially discounted  
2                   hunting, fishing, trapping, or combination licenses; and  
3                   (B) statutory exemptions under this part to the licensure requirements  
4                   for hunting, fishing, or trapping.

5                   (2) The revenue required to be reimbursed under subdivision (1) of this  
6                   subsection shall be in an amount equal to the amount of the lost revenue from  
7                   the free, discounted, or exempted license.

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9                   (n)(1) The Commissioner shall maintain an accounting of the lost revenue  
10                   required to be reimbursed to the Department under subsection (f) of this  
11                   section due to the issuance of free, discounted, or exempt licenses.

12                   (2) The Commissioner shall submit the accounting of lost revenue  
13                   required under this subsection to the Commissioner of Finance and  
14                   Management for payment annually on or before June 30 of monies in an  
15                   amount equal to the lost revenue from the prior fiscal year. Within 30 days  
16                   following receipt of the accounting of lost revenue, the Commissioner of  
17                   Finance and Management shall deposit into the Fish and Wildlife Fund the  
18                   amount of lost revenue.

19                   (3) Any reimbursement to the Department under this section for lost  
20                   license fee revenue shall be made from the General Fund as approved by the  
21                   General Assembly.

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.