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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - LICENSING

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Price, Nardone, Bennett,  
Filippi, Tobon, Shanley, Fenton-Fung, and Place

Date Introduced: March 02, 2022

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 20-2-2 and 20-2-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-2 entitled  
2 "Licensing" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **20-2-2. Issuance of licenses.**

4 Any person or corporation appointed by the director as provided in § 20-2-1 shall, upon  
5 the application of any person entitled to receive a license under this chapter and upon payment of  
6 the specified license fee, register and issue to that person a license, either printed or displayed  
7 electronically on a mobile device, so long as the certificate provides all of the information requested  
8 in the data fields identified by the department. The certificate shall bear the name, age, occupation,  
9 place of residence, signature, and identifying description of the registrant, but not the social security  
10 number or other tax identification number of the applicant, and shall authorize the registrant to fish  
11 or shellfish, or to pursue, hunt, and kill game in the state of Rhode Island during those seasons and  
12 in those manners and according to those conditions, as shall be provided by law; provided, however,  
13 that these authorized agents shall not have authority to issue lobster, commercial shellfish, or  
14 commercial fishing licenses of any kind.

15 **20-2-12. Application for license.**

16 Every person entitled to a license under this chapter shall file an application with the  
17 director, or the director's authorized agent, or any city or town clerk, properly sworn to, stating the  
18 name, age, occupation, place of residence, nationality, weight, height, and color of hair and eyes of  
19 the applicant for whom the license is wanted and pay the fees as provided in this chapter. No

1 [application shall require that the applicant provide their social security number or other tax](#)  
2 [identification number.](#) All licenses issued under this chapter shall be valid only for the calendar  
3 year of issuance, unless otherwise specified in this title or in the rules and regulations adopted  
4 pursuant to this title.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit the departmental of environmental management or any other  
2   licensing authority issuing hunting or fishing licenses, from requiring any applicant to provide their  
3   social security number or other tax identification number.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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