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HOUSE BILL DRH40080-MH-34

Short Title: NC Am. Indian Hunting/Fishing Rights.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative R. Pierce.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING  
3 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA TRIBAL MEMBERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-276(1) reads as rewritten:

6 "(1) The licensing provisions of this Article do not apply to a to:

7 (1) A member of an Indian tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General  
8 Statutes for purposes of hunting, trapping, or fishing on tribal land. A person  
9 taking advantage of this exemption shall possess and produce proper  
10 identification confirming the person's membership in a State-recognized tribe  
11 upon request by a wildlife enforcement officer. For purposes of this section,  
12 "tribal land" means only real property owned by an Indian tribe recognized  
13 under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes.

14 (2) A resident of the State who is a member of an Indian tribe recognized under  
15 Chapter 71A of the General Statutes or who has an ID card from a Native  
16 nation for purposes of hunting, trapping, or fishing in the State off tribal land.  
17 A person taking advantage of this exemption shall possess and produce proper  
18 identification confirming the person's membership in a State-recognized or  
19 federally recognized tribe upon request by a wildlife enforcement officer. A  
20 person exempted from licensing under this subdivision shall comply with (i)  
21 all reporting requirements prescribed by statute or Wildlife Resources  
22 Commission rule, (ii) the hunter education requirements set forth in  
23 G.S. 113-270.1A, (iii) the requirements for purchase of federal migratory  
24 waterfowl stamps, and (iv) any other requirements of law or rule to which  
25 other North Carolina hunting and fishing license holders are subject. The  
26 exemption from licensing provided under this subdivision shall not apply to  
27 licenses issued under Article 14A, 14B, or 25A of this Chapter."

28 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2025.

