



# HOUSE BILL 103: NC Am. Indian Hunting/Fishing Rights.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 103 would provide a licensing exemption for North Carolina residents who are members of State-recognized or federally recognized tribes engaging in hunting, trapping, and fishing activities off tribal land.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article 21 of Chapter 113 of the North Carolina General Statutes sets out requirements for licenses issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission for hunting, trapping, and fishing activities. Generally, these activities are regulated by the Commission, and a person is prohibited from engaging in them without first procuring an appropriate license. License fees, which are set by rules adopted by the Commission, vary depending on the type and duration of license issued.

G.S. 113-276 currently provides several exemptions from licensing requirements, including an exemption for members of State-recognized Indian tribes for purposes of hunting, trapping, or fishing on tribal land.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 103 would provide a licensing exemption for residents of the State who are members of State-recognized or federally recognized tribes for purposes of hunting, trapping, or fishing off tribal land.

An exempted person would be required to possess proper identification confirming membership and produce it upon request by a wildlife enforcement officer. The person would also be required to comply with other requirements of law or rule that apply to license holders, including reporting requirements, requirements for purchase of federal migratory waterfowl stamps, and hunter education requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective October 1, 2025.

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