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(Fish & game--license fees--
exempt National Guard members)

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BILL NO: A1564

SPONSOR(S) Azzolina

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SENATE: Senior Citizens

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SENATE: December 16, 1993

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SENATE: Yes

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[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 11, 1992

By Assemblymen AZZOLINA and Gaffney

1 AN ACT concerning fees for fish and game licenses and
2 supplementing Title 23 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
7 contrary, no fee, including application fees and issuance fees,
8 may be charged of an applicant for a license, permit, stamp, tag,
9 or certificate to hunt, fish, trap, or otherwise lawfully take fish,
10 game, or any other wildlife in the State, who is an active member
11 of the New Jersey National Guard who has completed Initial
12 Active Duty Training.

13 The Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife shall prescribe by
14 regulation the types of evidence that may be used to qualify
15 persons for the benefits of this section.

16 As used in this act, "Initial Active Duty Training" means Basic
17 Military Training, for members of the New Jersey Air National
18 Guard, and Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual
19 Training, for members of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

20 ¹2. At the end of each fiscal year, the Director of the Division
21 of Fish, Game and Wildlife shall certify to the Director of the
22 Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the
23 Treasury the amount that the "hunters' and anglers' license
24 fund" has been reduced as a result of any license issued without
25 charge pursuant to section 1 of this act. An amount equal to the
26 amount certified shall be appropriated each year from the
27 General Fund to the "hunters' and anglers' license fund" for
28 additional operating costs.¹

29 ¹[2.] 3.¹ This act shall take effect 90 days after enactment.

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34 Exempts certain members of the NJ National Guard from fish and
35 game license fees.

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SSV committee amendments adopted December 6, 1993.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill would exempt active members of the New Jersey
26 National Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training
27 from any fee charged for a license, permit, stamp, tag, or
28 certificate to hunt, fish, trap, or otherwise lawfully take fish,
29 game, or any other wildlife in the State.

30 The bill provides that the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife,
31 in the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, shall
32 prescribe by regulation the types of evidence that may be used to
33 qualify persons for this fee exemption.

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ASSEMBLY VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 1992

The Assembly Veterans and Military Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1564.

This bill would exempt active members of the New Jersey National Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training from any fee charged for a license, permit, stamp, tag, or certificate to hunt, fish, trap, or otherwise lawfully take fish, game, or any other wildlife in the State.

The bill provides that the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, in the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, shall prescribe by regulation the types of evidence that may be used to qualify persons for this fee exemption.

As used in the bill, Initial Active Duty Training means Basic Military Training, for members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, and Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, for members of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1564

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 1993

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans Affairs and Agriculture Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1564 with committee amendments.

This bill would exempt active members of the New Jersey National Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training from any fee charged for a license, permit, stamp, tag, or certificate to hunt, fish, trap, or otherwise lawfully take fish, game, or any other wildlife in the State.

The bill provides that the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, in the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, shall prescribe by regulation the types of evidence that may be used to qualify persons for this fee exemption.

As used in the bill, "Initial Active Duty Training" means Basic Military Training, for members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, and Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, for members of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

The committee amended the bill to require the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife to annually certify to the Director of Budget and Accounting the amount that the "hunters' and anglers' license fund" has been reduced as a result of the issuance of free licenses. An amount equal to the certified amount would be appropriated to the "hunters' and anglers' license fund" from the General Fund.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1564
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: July 31, 1992

Assembly Bill No. 1564 of 1992 exempts active members of the New Jersey National Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training from any fee charged for a license, permit, stamp, tag, or certificate to hunt, fish, trap, or otherwise lawfully take fish, game, or any other wildlife in the State. Revenues from these sources are statutorily allocated to the Hunters' and Anglers' License Fund to support the operating budget of the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy's Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

In a Fiscal Note prepared for an identical bill from last session, Assembly Bill No. 3207 of 1990, the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife estimated that the annual revenues collected from these fees would be reduced by \$66,959 if the bill was enacted. This amount was based on data from a 1985 survey in which it was estimated that 13,331 New Jersey National Guard members purchased 5,020 permits, stamps and licenses. Using 1990 fee rates, revenues totaling \$59,756 were calculated. An additional \$7,203 in revenues, derived from a \$2.10 administrative fee charged for issuing certain types of free fishing and hunting licenses, was also calculated and combined with the fee revenue total. The division also noted that additional revenues could be lost as more National Guardsmen take advantage of this free program.

The Office of Legislative Services still concurs with the administrative fee estimate, but since fee rates for most licenses rose in 1991, the updated license revenue estimate would be \$69,000. When added to the administrative fee revenue estimate, the total amount of annual revenues collected would be reduced by \$76,203 if the bill is enacted.

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.