CONSENT CALENDAR

April 23, 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Fish and Game and Marine Resources to which was referred SB 31-FN,

AN ACT establishing an apprentice guide license.

Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Cathryn Harvey

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Fish and Game and Marine Resources**
Bill Number:	**SB 31-FN**
Title:	**establishing an apprentice guide license.**
Date:	**April 23, 2025**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill establishes an apprentice guide license. Anyone wishing to become a hunting or fishing guide but who has not yet completed the board requirements is eligible to a one time purchase of an apprentice license, and may then participate in guide activities only when accompanied by a properly licensed guide.

Vote 14-0.

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Fish and Game and Marine Resources

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 31-FN

BILL TITLE: establishing an apprentice guide license.

DATE: April 23, 2025

LOB ROOM: 307

MOTIONS: **OUGHT TO PASS**

Moved by Rep. C. Harvey Seconded by Rep. W. Pearson Vote: 14-0

☐ **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Sayra DeVito, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

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MOTION: (Please check one box)

☒ OTP ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Harvey Seconded by Rep. Pearson Vote: 14 yeas

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

☐ **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

CONSENT CALENDAR: X **YES** ____ **NO**

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion_____

Respectfully submitted: Sayra DeVito

Rep Sayra DeVito, Clerk

Harvey-Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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2025 SESSION

Fish and Game and Marine Resources

Bill #: SB 31 FN **Motion:** OTP **AM #:** _____ **Exec Session Date:** April 23rd 2025

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Spillane, James A Chairman	|		
Ouellet, Mike Vice Chairman	|		
Khan, Aboul B	|		
~~Smith, Jonathan H~~ Mattson	|		
Tudor, Paul D	|		
~~Murphy, Michael~~ P Boyd	|		
~~Aldrich, Glen C~~	|		
Durkin, Sean C	|		
DeVito, Sayra Lynn Clerk	—	—	—
Harvey, Cathryn A	|		
~~Foxx, Loren E~~ Darby	|		
Lovett, Peter	|		
Jacobs, Samantha	|		
O'Rorke, Terri	|		
Pearson, Wayne	|		
~~Stone, John Joseph~~	—	—	—
TOTAL VOTE:	14		

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 31-FN

BILL TITLE: **establishing an apprentice guide license.**

DATE: **April 23, 2025**

LOB ROOM: **307** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **10:05 a.m.**

Time Adjourned: **10:23 a.m.**

Committee Members: **Reps. Spillane, Ouellet, DeVito, Khan, Tudor, Durkin, C. Harvey, L. Foxx, Lovett, Jacobs, O'Rorke and W. Pearson**

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Pearl	**Sen. Lang**	**Sen. Reardon**
Sen. Innis	**Sen. Avard**	**Sen. Rochefort**
Rep. J. Aron	**Rep. Spillane**	

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Senator Pearl (prime sponsor): testified in support.

Captain Michael Eastman, NH Fish and Game (supports): testified in support on behalf of Fish and Game.

David Poole (supports): testified in support on behalf of himself.

***Ken Dionne NH Guides Association (supports):** testified in support on behalf of the NH Guides Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative DeVito, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

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- Capt. Michael Eastman testified in support on behalf of f & g
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SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Committee: Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee

Bill #: SB31 **Date:** 4/23/2025

****Please Print All Information****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con
Capt. Michael Eastman	11 Harvey Drive Concord NH	603-419-3599	NH Fish & Game	✓	
David Pooler	2174 Samson Lang Rd. Rumney	603-254-7719		✓	

House Remote Testify

Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee Testify List for Bill SB31 on 2025-04-23

Support: 2 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	Non-Germane	Signed Up
Rochefort, Senator David	Senate District 1, NH kathryn.cummings@gc.nh.gov	An Elected Official	Senate District 1	Support	No	No	3/31/2025 11:04 AM
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4/22/2025 7:27 PM

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Chairman James Spillane
House Committee on Fish and Game and Marine Resources
New Hampshire House of Representatives
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

April 11,2025

Chairman Spillane and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Ken Dionne, I am a resident of New Boston, and I am a member of the Legislative Committee in the New Hampshire Guides' Association. We are a professional organization of hunting, fishing and recreational guides that offer services to the citizens and visitors of our great state. We would like to submit this written testimony to voice our support for SB31-FN.

The Guide's Association enthusiastically supports this bill. We believe that adopting SB 31-FN would create opportunities for those wishing to become a guide to gain experience assisting an experienced guide. The creation of this new apprentice license would allow these folks to learn what is involved in guiding clients before they must prepare for and pass the New Hampshire Fish & Game guide's test. It will also help to prepare the apprentice to successfully pass the guide's test.

We anticipate that this would also be a recruitment opportunity for the guiding profession. In the last few years, New Hampshire has seen an increase in participation in outdoor activities leading to an increased demand for professional guides.

On behalf of the New Hampshire Guide's Association, I want to thank you for allowing us to be heard on this matter. We would encourage the Committee to find this bill ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Dionne, President
New Hampshire Guides' Association

SB 31-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

01/30/2025 0013s

2025 SESSION

25-0367
08/02

SENATE BILL ***31-FN***

AN ACT establishing an apprentice guide license.

SPONSORS: Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Reardon, Dist 15; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes an apprentice guide license.

This bill is a request of the fish and game department.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

SB 31-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT establishing an apprentice guide license.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Section; Apprentice Guide License. Amend RSA 215 by inserting after section 9 the following new section:

215:10 Apprentice Guide License.

I. Any person who wishes to become a hunting or fishing guide but who has not completed the written and oral board requirements to become a licensed guide as required in RSA 215:2, may purchase an apprentice guide license. Additional requirements for an individual to qualify for the apprentice guide license shall include passing a criminal background check and certification in first-aid and CPR before an application may be submitted. A person holding a valid apprentice guide license, along with the proper license for the activity they will be assisting with, may guide in activities, including hunting or fishing, only when accompanied by a properly licensed guide who is 18 years of age or older. The fees for a resident or non-resident apprentice guide license shall be set in rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, as provided in RSA 215:4.

II. The properly licensed hunting or fishing guide, who is 18 years of age or older, accompanying the apprentice shall be fully accountable for any and all damage incurred or for any violations which may be committed by the apprentice while guiding. The apprentice guide license shall not be used as proof of a previous license under RSA 214:23-a, I or II. An apprentice guide license may be purchased only once in the lifetime of the applicant wishing to guide.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

LBA
25-0367
Amended 2/3/25

SB 31-FN FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2025-0013s)

AN ACT establishing an apprentice guide license.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than $10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Fish and Game Department