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SENATE BILL

505-FN

AN ACT relative to applications for guide licenses and repealing the fee for temporary registration of nonresidents relative to OHRVs.

SPONSORS: Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17;
Rep. A. Davis, Coos 2; Rep. Ouellet, Coos 3

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires applicants for guide licenses to apply to the chief of the law enforcement division of the fish and game department and repeals the fee for temporary registration of nonresidents relative to OHRVs.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to applications for guide licenses and repealing the fee for temporary registration of nonresidents relative to OHRVs.

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

1 137:1 Guide Licenses. Amend RSA 215:2 to read as follows:

2 215:2 Application for License; Issue.

3 Application for a license shall be made to the [~~executive director, or their designee~~] ***chief of the fish and***
4 ***game law enforcement division***. The executive director shall prescribe rules and regulations under which
5 such licenses shall be issued.

6 I. Every new applicant applying for a New Hampshire guide's license for the first time shall submit
7 to the fish and game department a criminal history record release form, as provided by the New
8 Hampshire division of state police, which authorizes the release of any criminal history record to the
9 department.

10 II. The applicant shall submit with the release form a complete set of fingerprints taken by a
11 qualified law enforcement agency or an authorized employee of the department of safety. In the event
12 that the first set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, a second set of fingerprints shall be
13 necessary in order to complete the criminal history records check. If, after 2 attempts, a set of fingerprints
14 is invalid due to insufficient pattern, the department may, in lieu of the criminal history records check,
15 accept police clearances from every city, town, or county where the person has lived during the past 5
16 years.

17 III. The department shall submit the criminal history records release form and fingerprint form to
18 the division of state police which shall conduct a criminal history records check through its records and
19 through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Upon completion of the records check, the division of state
20 police shall release copies of the criminal history records to the [~~department~~] ***chief of the fish and game***
21 ***law enforcement division***.

22 IV. The chief of the fish and game law enforcement division or their designee ***within the law***
23 ***enforcement division of the department*** shall review the criminal record information prior to making a
24 registration decision and shall maintain the confidentiality of all criminal history records received pursuant
25 to this section.

26 V. The applicant shall bear the cost of a criminal history record check.

27 ***VI. For the purposes of this section, "department" means the enforcement division of the New***
28 ***Hampshire fish and game department.***

29 137:2 Repeal. The following are repealed:

30 I. RSA 215-A:23, V-b, relative to temporary registration fees for OHRVs for nonresidents.

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- 1 II. RSA 215-A:23, VIII-a, relative to enhancements for enforcement of and compliance with
2 certain OHRV laws.
3 137:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect November 1, 2026.

Approved: June 12, 2026
Effective Date: November 01, 2026

