

HB 579 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **579**

AN ACT requiring applicants for a fish and game guide license to take and pass a standardized test provided by the fish and game department before receiving their license.

SPONSORS: Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. Bailey, Straf. 2; Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19

COMMITTEE: Fish and Game and Marine Resources

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires applicants for a fish and game guide license to take an exam in a standardized test format, administered by a specifically qualified fish and game officer.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT            requiring applicants for a fish and game guide license to take and pass a standardized test provided by the fish and game department before receiving their license.

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

1            1 License: Examination. Amend RSA 215:5, I to read as follows:

2            I.**(a)** A person licensed as a guide shall be at least 18 years of age. [~~He~~] ***They*** shall furnish  
3 such recommendations as the executive director shall require. [~~He~~] ***They*** shall be skilled in the use,  
4 management and handling of such boats or canoes as are customarily used in fishing and hunting,  
5 and shall be a safe and competent person under all circumstances to be a guide for hunting or fishing  
6 parties

7            ***(b) Any required written or oral examinations to become a guide shall be***  
8 ***administered by a fish and game officer who is also a licensed guide in New Hampshire***  
9 ***and who has passed the wilderness first responder certification course and received their***  
10 ***certification.***

11            ***(c) All questions and answers for the written and oral examinations must be in***  
12 ***a standardized test format. Questions and answers shall be made available in a study***  
13 ***guide for examiners to review and study once an application is submitted.***

14            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.