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SENATE BILL *18*

AN ACT relative to the purchase of duck stamps and the suspension or revocation of a license issued by the fish and game commission.

SPONSORS: Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill permits evidence of the purchase of an electronic duck stamp to legally take migratory waterfowl and adds a conviction for unauthorized use of a firearm as grounds for suspension or revocation of a hunting, fishing, or trapping license.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

50:1 Game Birds; Taking; Federal Duck Stamp Required. Amend RSA 209:6, II to read as follows:

II. No person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (brant, wild ducks, geese and swans) unless at the time of such taking he ***or she*** has on [~~his~~] ***their*** person an unexpired federal migratory bird stamp (commonly called a duck stamp) validated by his ***or her*** signature written across the face of said stamp in ink***, or confirmation of an electronic migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp, purchased within the previous 45 days***. A person who has not attained the age of 16 years is not required to have a duck stamp. Said duck stamp shall be required in addition to a valid New Hampshire hunting license obtained pursuant to RSA 214:1. Regulations promulgated under the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act of 1934 are hereby made a part of the game law of the state.

50:2 Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping; Revocation or Suspension for Conviction. Amend RSA 214:19, I to read as follows:

I. The executive director may revoke or suspend the license of any person who has been found guilty in any court of a violation of any provision of this title or any rule or regulation of the executive director, or who has been found guilty in a [~~municipal or district~~] ***superior or district division of a circuit*** court of a violation of RSA 163-B [~~or~~]***,*** RSA 635:2***, or RSA 644:13***. Such revocation or suspension shall not continue for more than one year from the date thereof, except for a conviction under RSA 208:8, in which case the revocation or suspension may be for a period not to exceed 5 years, or except for a conviction under RSA 208:1-a, in which case the revocation or suspension may be for a period not to exceed 2 years.

50:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 01, 2023
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