

SB 31-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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2025 SESSION

25-0367

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

3 215:10 Apprentice Guide License.

4 I. Any person who wishes to become a hunting or fishing guide but who has not completed
5 the written and oral board requirements to become a licensed guide as required in RSA 215:2, may
6 purchase an apprentice guide license. Additional requirements for an individual to qualify for the
7 apprentice guide license shall include passing a criminal background check and certification in first-
8 aid and CPR before an application may be submitted. A person holding a valid apprentice guide
9 license, along with the proper license for the activity they will be assisting with, may guide in
10 activities, including hunting or fishing, only when accompanied by a properly licensed guide who is
11 18 years of age or older. The fees for a resident or non-resident apprentice guide license shall be set
12 in rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, as provided in RSA 215:4.

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

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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