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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. 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 struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five

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

1 113:1 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 the
5 written and oral board requirements to become a licensed guide as required in RSA 215:2, may purchase
6 an apprentice guide license. Additional requirements for an individual to qualify for the apprentice guide
7 license shall include passing a criminal background check and certification in first-aid and CPR before an
8 application may be submitted. A person holding a valid apprentice guide license, along with the proper
9 license for the activity they will be assisting with, may guide in activities, including hunting or fishing, only
10 when accompanied by a properly licensed guide who is 18 years of age or older. The fees for a resident
11 or non-resident apprentice guide license shall be set in rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, as provided in RSA
12 215:4.

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

18 113:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Approved: June 23, 2025
Effective Date: January 01, 2026

