

## RESOLUTION

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| Resolution No. | 2614            |
| Subject        | Fishing License |

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**WHEREAS**, New York State recognizes the service and sacrifice of disabled veterans by providing free or reduced-cost fishing licenses pursuant to New York Environmental Conservation Law §11-0715; and

**WHEREAS**, Outdoor recreation such as fishing provides therapeutic, physical, and mental health benefits for many veterans living with service-connected disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Disabled veterans frequently travel between states for recreation, family visits, medical care, and veteran-related activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Recognizing disabled veteran fishing licenses issued by other states may encourage disabled veterans and their families to visit New York State for recreational opportunities, thereby supporting local tourism and outdoor recreation economies; and

**WHEREAS**, Recognizing disabled veteran fishing licenses issued by other states would demonstrate respect and appreciation for veterans nationwide; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That The American Legion Department of New York in convention assembled July 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2026 in Syracuse, New York, urge the New York State Legislature and the Governor to amend New York Environmental Conservation Law §11-0715 to provide that New York shall recognize a valid disabled veteran fishing license issued by another state, allowing such disabled veterans to fish in New York waters without the requirement to obtain a New York fishing license, provided such license is carried and presented upon request to law enforcement officers or environmental conservation officers; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, That upon adoption by The American Legion Department of New York, this resolution is forwarded, together with letters of support, to the Governor of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**American Legion Department of New York**

**FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE**

Approved   X   Rejected           

Approved with Amendments           

Consolidated with           

Referred to Standing Committee on

Received and Recorded: July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Other Action:

Signature: Frank J. Peters  
(Chairman)



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Adjutant Signature

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Below section to be completed when resolution  
is submitted from another authorized source.

Frank J. Peters, Chairman  
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