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**HOUSE BILL 1012  
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Short Title: Hunting and Fishing on Tribal Land. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Sutton, Wray, and L. Allen (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF STATE-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES TO  
2 HUNT, TRAP, OR FISH ON TRIBAL LANDS WITHOUT OBTAINING A  
3 LICENSE ISSUED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-276 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(1) The licensing provisions of this Article do not apply to a member of an Indian  
8 tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes for purposes of hunting,  
9 trapping, or fishing on tribal land. A person taking advantage of this exemption shall  
10 possess and produce proper identification confirming the person's membership in a  
11 State-recognized tribe upon request by a wildlife enforcement officer. For purposes of  
12 this section, "tribal land" means only real property owned by an Indian tribe recognized  
13 under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes."

14 **SECTION 2.** The Commission of Indian Affairs shall provide the Wildlife  
15 Resources Commission with a list of properties owned by State-recognized tribes in this  
16 State and update that list whenever additional land is acquired by a tribe. Each tribe  
17 shall post tribal land to give notice of its ownership by the tribe.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.