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**HOUSE BILL 103**

Short Title: NC Am. Indian Hunting/Fishing Rights. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives R. Pierce, Clampitt, Lowery, and Ward (Primary Sponsors).  
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February 12, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING  
LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA TRIBAL MEMBERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-276(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) The licensing provisions of this Article do not apply to a to:

(1) A member of an Indian tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes for purposes of hunting, trapping, or fishing on tribal land. A person taking advantage of this exemption shall possess and produce proper identification confirming the person's membership in a State-recognized tribe upon request by a wildlife enforcement officer. For purposes of this section, "tribal land" means only real property owned by an Indian tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes.

(2) A resident of the State who is a member of an Indian tribe recognized under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes or who has an ID card from a Native nation for purposes of hunting, trapping, or fishing in the State off tribal land. A person taking advantage of this exemption shall possess and produce proper identification confirming the person's membership in a State-recognized or federally recognized tribe upon request by a wildlife enforcement officer. A person exempted from licensing under this subdivision shall comply with (i) all reporting requirements prescribed by statute or Wildlife Resources Commission rule, (ii) the hunter education requirements set forth in G.S. 113-270.1A, (iii) the requirements for purchase of federal migratory waterfowl stamps, and (iv) any other requirements of law or rule to which other North Carolina hunting and fishing license holders are subject. The exemption from licensing provided under this subdivision shall not apply to licenses issued under Article 14A, 14B, or 25A of this Chapter."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2025.

