

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1071**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Susannah M. Whipps*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act waiving sporting, hunting or fishing license fees for people who use a wheelchair as their primary source of mobility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Whipps of Athol, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1071) of Susannah M. Whipps and Natalie M. Blais relative to authorizing the waiving of sporting, hunting or fishing license fees for people who use wheelchairs as their primary source of mobility. Environment and Natural Resources.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 751 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act waiving sporting, hunting or fishing license fees for people who use a wheelchair as their primary source of mobility.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize waiving sporting, hunting or fishing license fees for people who use a wheelchair as their primary source of mobility, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Section 11 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “paraplegic”, in lines 42 and 43, in each instance,
- 3 the following words:- or person who uses a wheelchair as their primary source of mobility.