



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## LaValle: Saltwater Fishing License Fee Abolished as Part of New State Budget

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The saltwater fishing license fee has been eliminated as part of the state budget it was reported by New York State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle.

"For many in our region, fishing is a way of life," said Senator LaValle. "Mandating a license placed a burden on individuals and families who have fished our local waters for generations. I voted against the license law and fee when it was part of the 2009 budget and I'm happy to see the demise of what was essentially a hidden tax," he said.

A three-year moratorium on the fee was previously secured in the 2011- 2012 budget. The Senate passed a portion of the new New York State budget on Sunday which included a provision to eliminate the saltwater fishing license fee permanently.

"I am pleased to have supported this measure that will eliminate the license fee for those who enjoy fishing in our local waters," said Senator LaValle.