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L.D. 156

(Filing No. H-105)

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 114, L.D. 156, Bill, "An Act To Lower the Eligibility Age for a Junior Hunting License"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Eliminate the Minimum Age Requirement for a Junior Hunting License and Increase the Number of Times a Person May Hold an Apprentice Hunter License'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 in the 4th line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", 10 8 years of age or older," and inserting the following: ', 10 years of age or older.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11102, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and repealed and replaced by c. 655, Pt. B, §111 and affected by §422, is repealed.'**

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "8 years of age or older and" and inserting the following: 'years of age or older and'

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "8 years of age or older and" and inserting the following: 'years of age or older and'

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "8 years of age or older and" and inserting the following: 'years of age or older and'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "over 10 8 years of age" and inserting the following: 'over 10 years of age'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by  
 2 striking out the following: "over ~~10~~ 8 years of age" and inserting the following: '~~over 10~~  
 3 years of age'

4 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

5 '**Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §11108-B, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §19, is  
 6 further amended to read:

7 **3. Eligibility.** A resident or nonresident 16 years of age or older who has never held  
 8 a valid adult hunting license in this State, or any other state, province or country, is  
 9 eligible to obtain an apprentice hunter license. Notwithstanding section 11105, a person is  
 10 eligible to obtain an apprentice hunter license without having successfully completed a  
 11 hunter safety course. A person may not obtain an apprentice hunter license more than  
 12 ~~twice~~ 5 times. A person selected to receive a moose permit may not then purchase an  
 13 apprentice hunter license to meet the licensing requirements for that permit.

14 **Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §11108-C**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 538, §20, is amended to  
 15 read:

16 **§11108-C. Eligibility and restrictions for a junior hunting license**

17 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
 18 following terms have the following meanings.

19 A. "Adult supervisor" means:

20 (1) The parent or guardian of the junior hunter who holds or has held a valid  
 21 Maine hunting license or successfully completed a hunter safety course that  
 22 meets the requirements of section 11105; or

23 (2) A person 18 years of age or older who:

24 (a) Is approved by the parent or guardian of the junior hunter; and

25 (b) Holds or has held a valid Maine hunting license or successfully  
 26 completed a hunter safety course that meets the requirements of section  
 27 11105.

28 B. "In the presence of" means in visual and voice contact without the use of visual or  
 29 audio enhancement devices, including but not limited to binoculars and citizen band  
 30 radios.

31 **2. Eligibility.** A resident or nonresident who is ~~at least 10 years of age and~~ under 16  
 32 years of age may obtain a junior hunting license, which allows that person to hunt subject  
 33 to the conditions set out in this section.

34 **3. Supervision of junior hunters.** A hunter who is ~~at least 10 years of age and~~  
 35 under 16 years of age may not hunt unless that person holds a junior hunting license and  
 36 is in the presence of and under the effective control of an adult supervisor.

37 **4. Supervision of junior hunters 16 years of age.** A hunter 16 years of age who  
 38 obtained a junior hunter hunting license before that person reached 16 years of age may  
 39 not hunt with that license unless the person is in the presence of ~~or~~ and under the effective

1 control of an adult supervisor or the person has successfully completed a hunter safety  
 2 course acceptable under section 11105. The following penalties apply to a violation of  
 3 this subsection:

4 A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine  
 5 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged; and

6 B. A person who violates paragraph A after having been adjudicated as having  
 7 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period  
 8 commits a Class E crime.

9 **5. Expiration of junior hunting license issued to person 15 years of age.** A junior  
 10 hunting license issued to a person who is 15 years of age is valid through the calendar  
 11 year for which the license is issued. In addition to the requirements of subsection 4, all  
 12 other permit requirements applicable to a person who is 16 years of age or older apply to  
 13 a person who continues to hunt with a junior hunting license under this subsection after  
 14 reaching that person's 16th birthday.

15 **6. Penalties for supervisors of junior hunters.** A person who is the adult  
 16 supervisor of a holder of a valid junior hunting license when that junior hunter violates  
 17 any provision of this Part pertaining to hunting:

18 A. Commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than  
 19 \$500 may be adjudged; and

20 B. After having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations  
 21 under this Part within the previous 5-year period, commits a Class E crime.'

22 Amend the bill in section 8 in paragraph A in the first line (page 2, line 21 in L.D.) by  
 23 striking out the following: "8 years of age or older and" and inserting the following:  
 24 '~~years of age or older and~~'

25 Amend the bill in section 9 in paragraph F in the first line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by  
 26 striking out the following: "8 years of age or older and" and inserting the following:  
 27 '~~years of age or older and~~'

28 Amend the bill by inserting after section 9 the following:

29 '**Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 143, §1, is  
 30 amended to read:

31 **13. Hunting adventure permits for children.** Notwithstanding subsection 6 and  
 32 ~~section 11102~~, the commissioner may issue 2 moose permits to a nonprofit organization  
 33 dedicated to providing hunting and fishing adventures to children under 21 years of age  
 34 with life-threatening, critical or terminal illnesses. The commissioner may issue these  
 35 permits upon written request by an eligible nonprofit organization but may not issue more  
 36 than 2 permits in total for a calendar year. These permits are in addition to the moose  
 37 hunting permits issued under subsection 2 for each wildlife management district and are  
 38 at no cost to the organization.

39 **Sec. 11. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.'

40 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
 41 section number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

The bill lowers the eligibility age for a junior hunting license from 10 to 8 years of age; this amendment instead removes the minimum age requirement for a junior hunting license. This amendment also provides that the adult supervisor of the junior hunter must hold or have held a Maine hunting license or have successfully completed a hunter safety course. It also increases the number of times a person may hold an apprentice hunter license from twice to 5 times before becoming ineligible to purchase the license. This amendment provides an effective date of January 1, 2016.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 156

LR 718(02)

An Act To Lower the Eligibility Age for a Junior Hunting License

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-105)  
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$27,875)	(\$27,875)	(\$27,875)
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$27,875	\$27,875	\$27,875

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill removes the requirement that somebody be at least 10 years old to be eligible for a junior hunting license and allows those under 16 years old to obtain this license. This will increase General Fund revenue collected through the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (IF&W) by an estimated \$27,875 annually beginning in fiscal year 2016-17. IF&W expects to increase Federal Expenditures Fund revenue by \$25,445 annually for federal grants for the expected increase in licenses issued beginning in fiscal year 2016-17.