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127TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 94, L.D. 256, Bill, "An Act To Allow Nonresident College Students To Obtain Resident Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses"

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

'An Act To Allow Nonresident College Students To Obtain Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses at the Resident Fee and with Resident Privileges'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10752, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Nonresident student enrolled in an institution of higher education. In accordance with this subsection, a nonresident student is eligible for any hunting, fishing, trapping or combination hunting and fishing license or permit under this Part at the resident fee and upon obtaining that license or permit has the same privileges under this Part and rules adopted under this Part as a resident holder of that license or permit.

In order to obtain a hunting, fishing, trapping or combination hunting and fishing license or permit under this subsection, a person must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the person is a nonresident student and has been enrolled as a full-time student in an institution of higher education for at least one semester prior to applying for a license or permit under this subsection. The commissioner shall stamp or otherwise indicate on the license or permit issued to the nonresident student that it has been issued to a nonresident student. The license or permit remains valid for one year from issuance unless otherwise suspended or revoked.

For purposes of this subsection, "nonresident student" means a nonresident who is 18 years of age or older and under 24 years of age who is enrolled as a full-time student in an institution of higher education. For purposes of this subsection, "institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education located in this State that meets the requirements of and conforms to the definitions contained in the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 United States Code, Section 1001(a) and the regulations,

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 guidelines and procedures promulgated by the Secretary of Education pursuant to that
2 Act.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that a nonresident student 18 years of
5 age or older and under 24 years of age enrolled as a full-time student in an institution of
6 higher education in this State is eligible for any hunting, fishing, trapping or combination
7 hunting and fishing license or permit at the resident fee and has the same privileges as a
8 resident holder of the license or permit. It also provides that the Commissioner of Inland
9 Fisheries and Wildlife and not the commissioner's agent may issue these licenses and that
10 each license must be stamped or otherwise identified as being issued to a nonresident
11 student. It also adds that a license issued is valid for one year.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 05/31/15 *MAC*

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An Act To Allow Nonresident College Students To Obtain Resident Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(S-170)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional revenue loss to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from allowing certain nonresident students enrolled in an institution of higher education to be eligible for any hunting license, fishing license, trapping license, combination hunting and fishing license or permit at the resident fee is expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.