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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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## CHAPTER 600

### AN ACT to Clarify the Definition of Residence for Purposes of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the law changing the definition of residence under the hunting and fishing laws has caused a great deal of controversy; and

Whereas, the following legislation removes those objections by restoring the 3-month domicile requirement; and

Whereas, the permits issued for hunting and fishing are issued on a calendar year which necessitates this legislation be passed as an emergency so that sportsmen can acquire permits as soon as possible after January 1st; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 1901, sub-§§ 1 and 2, as amended by PL 1977, c. 78, §§ 45 and 46, are repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 1901, sub-§ 14-A is enacted to read:

14-A. Resident. "Resident" shall mean a citizen of the United States who has been domiciled in this State continuously during the 3 months next prior to the date on which he applies for any license under chapters 301 to 337, or an alien who has been so domiciled for one year. No person shall be considered a resident if he has not:

- A. If registered to vote, registered in Maine;
- B. If licensed to drive a motor vehicle, made application for a Maine motor vehicle operator's license;
- C. If owning a motor vehicle or vehicles located within the State, registered each such vehicle in Maine; and
- D. Complied with the state income tax laws.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 2401, sub-§ 7, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 503, § 15-B, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 2401-B, sub-§ 19, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 503, § 17-A, is repealed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective February 14, 1978

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## CHAPTER 601

**AN ACT to Increase the Bonding Limit of the Maine State Housing Authority.**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period will not terminate until the summer of 1978; and

Whereas, the Maine State Housing Authority will issue revenue bonds in the spring of 1978 for the purchase of mortgages on multi-family housing projects for Maine's elderly and other low income families; and

Whereas, the cost of purchasing those mortgages for all of the current allocation of multi-family units for which federal rent subsidies will be available would exceed \$20,000,000; and

Whereas, only \$20,000,000 in revenue bonds can be issued by the Maine State Housing Authority within its current bonding limitation; and

Whereas, the Maine State Housing Authority also desires to issue additional revenue bonds in the spring of 1978 for the purchase of mortgages on single-family, low income housing so as to allow that housing to be built in the summer of 1978 during the construction season; and

Whereas, without an increase in its authorized bonding capacity, the Maine State Housing Authority will be without funds to continue its statutory duty of providing capital to the state's mortgage market and thereby encouraging the increased availability of adequate housing to the citizens of Maine and stimulating the economy of the State; and

Whereas, in the judgement of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,