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CHAPTER 307

GUIDES

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§ 2051. Licenses

No person shall engage in the business of guiding, either for inland fishing or forest or shore hunting, until he has procured a license to do so from the commissioner. Each licensed guide shall, from time to time, as often as requested by said commissioner, forward, on blanks furnished him by said commissioner, a statement of the number of persons he has guided during the time called for in said statement, the number of days he has been employed as a guide and such other information relative to inland fish and game, forest fires and the preservation of the forests in the localities where he has guided, as the commissioner may deem of importance to the State.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 34.

§ 2052. Junior guides; examining board

The commissioner shall appoint a board of 4 members, one member of which shall be a Maine camp director, who shall serve without compensation, to be known as the "Junior Guides Examining Board." Appointments to said board shall be for 3 years or until successors are appointed.

Said board shall hold such meetings as may be necessary and shall adopt rules and regulations establishing standards of requirements and methods of ascertaining fitness of candidates for registration as junior guides.

All candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 21 years and those who pass the required examinations shall be presented with appropriate certificates by the commissioner and may obtain a junior guide's license upon payment of a fee of 50 cents.

No junior guide may receive remuneration for services or compete in any way with regular Maine guides.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 35.

§ 2053. Application for licenses; fees; revocation of license

A guide is any person who receives any form of remuneration for his services in accompanying or assisting any hunter, fisherman or camper in the fields, forests or waters of the State.

No person shall act as a guide until he has procured a license to do so from the commissioner and he shall not be eligible to obtain a license to guide until he is 18 years of age.

Application for a guide's license shall be made in writing to the commissioner on forms furnished by the department and shall be approved by an inland fish and game warden. The commissioner may, upon sufficient proof as to his competency, issue the license. No person shall be issued a guide's license unless he is physically, mentally and morally capable of guiding and caring for a party in the forests or on the waters of the State and said commissioner may, at his discretion, suspend or revoke the license of any guide for incompetency or for failure to discourage violations of the fish and game laws.

A fee of \$8.50 shall be paid annually for a resident guide's license. Nonresidents may be so licensed upon payment of a fee of \$50. Persons licensed under this section may hunt and fish by virtue of their guide's license or, if requested by the applicant, the persons licensed under this section may be restricted to fishing.

Whenever a guide, licensed as provided in this section, is charged with having violated any of the inland fish and game laws, the commissioner may suspend his license. Whenever a licensed guide is convicted of having violated any of the inland fish and game laws in the conduct of his guiding activities, the commissioner shall suspend his license as provided in section 2302.

Any person who guides without first having procured a license to do so from the commissioner shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25 and each day that he so guides shall constitute a separate offense.

Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to prevent a councilor at a bona fide children's summer camp, said camp being licensed by the Department of Health and Welfare, from performing his usual duties as such councilor without obtaining a guide's license.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 36; 1955, c. 153, § 1; 1961, c. 25.