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To Roland H. Cobb, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game
Re: Licenses for Civilian Employees of the Armed Forces

We have your memo of April 26, 1955, in which you request a ruling as to whether civilian employees of the Army who have not paid a poll tax or been assessed any property tax, are entitled to resident hunting and fishing licenses.

The answer to your question is: No.

Section 39-VIII, R.S. 1954, provides that no resident hunting or fishing license or combination of same shall be issued unless the applicant exhibits a poll tax receipt from the town where he resides, or a valid, unexpired State of Maine operator's license, or a proper certificate exempting him from payment of poll tax if the poll tax has been abated, or that applicant is not required to pay a poll tax.

There are a few exceptions to the requirements mentioned above.

Until Chapter 228 of the Public Laws of 1951 was enacted, even military personnel assigned to bases here in Maine were not accorded the privilege of purchasing licenses at the Maine resident fee. It being necessary that the legislature enact proper legislation exempting military personnel, it would seem without question that such legislation would be necessary before civilian personnel assigned to military bases could purchase licenses for the Maine resident fee.

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