

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 1017

House of Representatives, March 9, 1971

Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Increase the Fees for Issuing Fish and Game Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2401, sub-§ 3, amended. Subsection 3 of section 2401 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

3. Resident license fee; agents. For the purpose of issuing licenses, the commissioner may appoint clerks of towns or such other agents as he deems necessary and shall determine the period during which they shall act.

The license may be issued to a resident by the clerk or agent in the town in which the applicant resides, or if domiciled in an unorganized territory, then by the clerk or agent in the nearest town, upon payment of a fee of \$1 if the applicant is under 16 years of age and \$4 if the applicant is 16 years of age or older, of which ~~35¢~~ 50¢ shall be retained by the town clerk or agent. A hunting license issued to a resident under 16 years of age shall be considered valid through the calendar year in which the applicant reaches his 16th birthday, providing said birthday falls after July 1st of said year. The commissioner may appoint agents in unorganized towns for the purpose of issuing resident hunting licenses to the residents domiciled in that unorganized town.

A combination of hunting and fishing license may be issued upon payment of \$7.25, ~~35¢~~ 50¢ to be retained by the town clerk or agent.

Each agent shall forward to the commissioner on the first day of each calendar month all of the funds collected by him during the previous calendar month, together with a list of the persons and the kind of licenses issued to

them. The funds received by the commissioner shall be deposited in the State Treasury. Each agent shall be entitled to retain the sum of ~~35¢~~ 50¢ for each license issued.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2401, sub-§ 4, amended. The last sentence of the 2nd paragraph of subsection 4 of section 2401 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 25 of chapter 513 of the public laws of 1965, and as amended by section 4 of chapter 276 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

The agent issuing the license shall be allowed to retain ~~35¢~~ 50¢ from the license fee.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 2502, amended. The first sentence of section 2502 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

An archery license shall be issued by the commissioner to take deer under this chapter, the fee for which shall be \$5.25 for hunting deer by residents of this State and \$15.25 for hunting deer by nonresidents; the fee of ~~25¢~~ 50¢ to be retained by the issuing agent; except that such archery licenses shall also permit the hunting of such wild birds and animals which can be legally hunted from October 1st to October 14th of each calendar year in the Northern Zone and during the month of October in the Southern Zone.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 12, § 2601, sub-§ 3, amended. The 2nd sentence of subsection 3 of section 2601 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The resident license shall be issued upon payment of \$4, and the clerk or agent shall retain ~~35¢~~ 50¢ from the fee.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 12, § 2601, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 2601 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

5. Nonresident license. There shall be 4 classes of nonresident fishing licenses. A license for the entire season shall cost \$11. A 15-day license shall cost \$7.75 and shall remain in effect for 15 days from the date as designated in the license. The amount paid on a 15-day license shall be credited on an entire season license upon the additional payment of \$3.50 in the same year in which the 15-day license was issued. A junior nonresident license, for persons between the ages of 12 and 16 years, shall cost \$2.25 for a season. In all cases, ~~35¢~~ 50¢ shall be retained by the agent from the license fee. Any resident or nonresident of the State may procure a license good for 3 consecutive days as designated on the license upon the payment of \$5, ~~35¢~~ 50¢ to be retained by the agent. Any nonresident of the State may procure a license good for 7 consecutive days as designated in the license upon the payment of \$6, ~~35¢~~ 50¢ to be retained by the agent. The date of the days must be plainly enumerated on the face of the license. Any resident of the State who procures a 3-day license may exchange the same for an annual resident fishing license in the town in which he resides, upon the payment of ~~35¢~~ 50¢ to the clerk or agent who issues same.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Present fees for issuing fish and game licenses are insufficient to cover the cost of issuing said licenses. The purpose of this bill is to set more reasonable fees.