

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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S. P. 46

In Senate, January 10, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Revising the Laws Relating to Guides under Fish and Game Laws.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2053, amended. Section 2053 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 241 of the public laws of 1969 and as amended, is further amended by adding before the last paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

Upon conviction for failure of the guide to report to an inland fish and game warden within 8 hours a violation of any inland fisheries and game laws or rules and regulations within his hunting party, the commissioner shall revoke the guide's license issued under this chapter and any hunting license held by such guide for a period of 5 years.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, §§ 2053-A and 2053-B, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, 2053-A and 2053-B, to read as follows:

**§ 2053-A. Guides for nonresidents**

No nonresident shall hunt without the services of a guide licensed under this chapter. Such guide shall not be engaged in guiding more than 4 nonresidents at the same time. Such guide shall be responsible for the proper licensing of such nonresident and the obedience of all laws relating to inland fisheries and game and all rules and regulations thereto. Such guide shall have the same authority as fish and game wardens in examining hunting licenses.

**§ 2053-B. Buttons**

The department shall issue a yellow, numbered button, approximately  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches by 4 inches in size, to each guide who shall wear such button, while engaging in guiding, so that it is visible. The department shall issue 4 red, numbered buttons, approximately  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches by 4 inches in size, to each guide who shall distribute such a button to each nonresident who is guided by him and such nonresident shall wear such button so that it is visible.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is:

1. To provide guides for nonresidents;
2. To identify guides with buttons;
3. To make a guide's license more meaningful.