

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1697

H. P. 1303

House of Representatives, March 29, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dow of W. Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Require Hunting and Firearm Safety Course
Prerequisite to Hunting License.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 1907, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1907 to read as follows:

§ 1907. Hunting and firearm safety education required

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no hunting license shall be issued to any person after January 1, 1975, unless such person shall present a certificate of successful completion of a hunting and firearm safety education course and examination given by the public secondary schools and academies receiving tuition students as described in Title 20, section 1291; or certificate of successful completion of a hunting and firearms safety education course and examination given by some person or persons licensed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. No license shall be required of sheriffs, municipal or state police officers, wardens, guides or certified teachers conducting a hunting and firearm safety education course in public secondary schools or academies receiving tuition students as described in Title 20, section 1291. All licenses expire on December 31st of the year of issue.

Successful course completion certificates may be issued to any person permitted by law to have a license provided such course, given by the public secondary schools and academies receiving tuition students as described in Title 20, section 1291, shall meet teacher qualification, course content and standards approved by the State Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and the State Board of Education. Successful course completion certificates

shall not be issued to any person who was not at least 10 years of age at the commencement of the hunting and firearm safety education course.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.