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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 464, L.D. 566, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase Certain Hunting and Fishing License Fees."

Amend said Amendment by striking out everything after the Title and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Amend said Bill by striking out all of the Title and inserting in place thereof the following: 'AN ACT to Increase the Fees of Certain Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and to Increase the Boat Registration Fee.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1904, 7th ¶ from the end, next to last sentence, is amended to read:

Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50 \$60.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1905, last ¶, last sentence is amended to read:

Such seal shall be supplied by the commissioner at a cost of ~~5¢~~ 6¢ each.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §1972, 1st ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, §45, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Except as otherwise provided, no snowmobile shall be operated within the jurisdiction of the State unless registered by the owner as provided in this chapter. All snowmobiles owned by Maine residents and operated in Maine must be registered in this State unless specifically exempted elsewhere in this chapter.

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game is authorized to register and assign a registration number to all snowmobiles, upon application and payment of an annual fee of \$11 by the owner. The resident registration fee shall be credited as follows: \$4 of each fee shall be credited to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game; \$1 of each fee shall be credited to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation and \$6 of each fee shall be annually distributed to the municipality of the owner's residence as shown on his registration certificate. The nonresident registration fee shall be credited as follows: \$6 of each fee shall be credited to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and \$5 of each fee shall be credited to the Parks and Recreation Snowmobile Trail Fund. All other moneys received under this chapter, including dealer license fees, shall be credited to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §1972, last ¶, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 356, §4, is further amended to read:

Whoever transfers the ownership or permanently discontinues the use of a registered snowmobile and applies for registration of another snowmobile in the same registration year shall be entitled to a certificate of registration upon payment of a transfer fee of \$2 and shall not be required to pay the regular registration fee of ~~\$10~~ \$11.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §2053, 3rd ¶ from the end, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 409, §3, is further amended to read:

A fee of ~~\$25~~ \$32 shall be paid annually for a resident

guide's license. Nonresidents may be so licensed upon payment of a fee of ~~\$100~~ \$125. Aliens may be so licensed upon payment of a fee of \$150. Persons licensed under this section may hunt and fish by virtue of their guide's license.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §2070, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 734, §1, is amended to read:

A. All watercraft requiring or requesting certificate of number;

~~\$5~~ \$6

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §2106, 7th ¶, 3rd sentence is amended to read:

When it appears that such application is made in good faith, and upon the payment of an annual fee of ~~\$10~~ \$12, said commissioner may issue to the applicant a breeder's license permitting the breeding and rearing of any species of wild animals within such enclosure or on such island.

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §2255, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1965, c. 448, §10, is further amended to read:

The fee for this license shall be ~~\$30~~ \$36 for those camps with an enrollment of less than 50 campers, ~~\$50~~ \$60 for those camps with an enrollment of not less than 50 campers but not more than 75 campers and ~~\$75~~ \$90 for those camps with an enrollment of more than 75 campers.

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §2355, sub-§6, last sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 562, §10, is further amended to read: This deer transportation tag shall cost ~~\$2.50~~ \$3, 50¢ to be retained by the issuing agent.

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §2401, sub-§3, 4th ¶, as last amended by
PL 1973, c. 276, is further amended to read:

The following schedule of fees is established:

<u>A.</u> Resident junior hunting 10-16 years of age.	\$1-50	<u>\$1.80</u>
<u>B.</u> Resident hunting 16 years of age or older.	\$6-50	<u>\$7.80</u>
<u>C.</u> Junior nonresident hunting 10-16 years of age. Permits hunting of all species except deer and bear. Application shall be accompanied by the written consent of his or her parent or guardian.	\$12-50	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>D.</u> Resident combination hunting and fishing.	\$10-50	<u>\$12.60</u>
<u>E.</u> Nonresident small game hunting Permits hunting of all species except bear and deer.	\$22-50	<u>\$27.00</u>
<u>F.</u> Nonresident <u>citizen</u> big game hunting Permits hunting for all species including bear and deer.	\$46-50	<u>\$55.80</u>
<u>G.</u> <u>Alien big game hunting</u> <u>Permits hunting for all species</u> <u>including bear and deer.</u>		<u>\$120.00</u>

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §2401-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1971,
c. 409, §2, is amended to read:

3. Resident and nonresident license fee; agents. For the
purpose of issuing licenses, the commissioner may appoint agents
as provided in section 2401, subsection 3.

The following schedule of fees is established:

<u>A.</u>	Junior nonresident fishing 12-16 years of age.	\$2-50	<u>\$3.00</u>
<u>B.</u>	Resident fishing 16 years of age or older.	\$6-50	<u>\$7.80</u>
<u>C.</u>	Resident or nonresident 3-day fishing 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 50¢ to the clerk or issuing agent.	\$6-50	<u>\$7.80</u>
<u>D.</u>	Nonresident 7-day fishing Valid for 7 days from date as indicated on license.	\$7-50	<u>\$9.00</u>
<u>E.</u>	Nonresident 15-day fishing Valid for 15 days from date as indicated on license.	\$10-50	<u>\$12.60</u>
<u>F.</u>	Nonresident season fishing 15 years of age or older.	\$15-50	<u>\$18.60</u>
<u>G.</u>	A 15-day license may be exchanged for an annual license upon the additional payment of \$5-50 <u>\$6.60</u> .		

Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §2401-B, sub-§10, 1st sentence, as
enacted by PL 1971, c. 409, §2, is amended to read:

A combination fishing and hunting license shall be issued upon
payment of ~~\$2~~ \$2.40, plus the issuing fee, to a Maine resident in
the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed outside
the State of Maine.

Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §2402, 1st 2 ¶¶, as repealed and
replaced by PL 1971, c. 231, §9, are repealed and the following
enacted in place thereof:

Any resident who traps for any wild animal shall annually procure a license therefor from the commissioner, paying therefor \$12. The fee for a nonresident for a trapping license shall be \$240. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nonresidents shall not be permitted to trap beaver in this State.

Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §2466-B, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 240, is amended to read:

The fee for a falconry license shall be ~~§10~~ \$12.

Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §2471, 1st ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 86, §1, is amended to read:

An initial license fee of ~~§250~~ \$300 shall be paid by the operator of each shooting area and a license fee thereafter of ~~§100~~ \$120 shall be paid prior to July 1st annually.

Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §2474, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 86 §1, is amended to read:

§2474. Hunting license

All persons must purchase a special shooting area license issued by the commissioner or his authorized agent at an annual fee of ~~§5~~ \$6 prior to hunting on a commercial shooting area.

Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §2502, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 208, §4, is further amended to read:

An archery license shall be issued by the commissioner to hunt deer from the first Monday of October to the beginning of the regular deer hunting season as described in section 2353, the fee for which shall be ~~§6-50~~ \$7.80 for hunting deer by residents of this State and ~~§42-50~~ \$51 for hunting deer by nonresidents; the fee of 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 the first Monday of October to the beginning of the regular deer hunting season as described in section 2353.

Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §2556, 2nd ¶, last 2 sentences, are amended to read:

Such privilege of shipment may be exercised once every 10 days by purchasing from the commissioner or his agent a transportation tag which shall cost ~~§1-25~~ \$1.50. ~~Twenty-five~~ Thirty cents shall be retained by the issuing agent.

Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §2558, 3rd ¶, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1965, c. 448, §24, is further amended to read: All persons dealing in live bait shall be licensed to do so by the commissioner, and the fee therefor shall be ~~§10~~ \$12 for each calendar year.

Sec. 20. 12 MRSA §2558-A, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 245, is amended to read: The fee for such live smelt bait dealer's license shall be ~~§50~~ \$60 for each calendar year.

Sec. 21. 12 MRSA §2701, 1st ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 448, §27, is amended to read: The minimum fee for such permits shall be not less than ~~§25~~ \$30.

Sec. 22. 12 MRSA §2751, 3rd ¶, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1965, c. 448, §28, is further amended to read: The license fee shall be ~~§10-~~ \$12 and licenses shall be kept constantly and publicly posted in the office or place of business of the licensee.

Sec. 23. 12 MRSA §2851, 1st sentence, as last amended
by PL 1971, c. 403, §41, is further amended to read:
The commissioner may issue a license at an annual fee of ~~¢10~~
\$12 to any person, firm or corporation, permitting the licensee
to breed, rear or keep game birds.

Sec. 24. 12 MRSA §2851, 2nd ¶, 4th sentence, is amended
to read:
Such seal shall be supplied by the commissioner at a cost of
~~5¢~~ 6¢.

Sec. 25. 7 MRSA §3552, 1st sentence is amended to read:
Upon application of any club or organization having 25 or more
members who are citizens who have been residents of the State
for at least 6 months immediately prior to making application,
and the payment of a fee of ~~¢10~~ \$12, the Department of Inland
Fisheries and Game may issue a license authorizing the
establishment and maintenance by such club or organization
on land owned by them, or over which they have legal control,
of a special dog training area wherein and whereon dogs may
be trained at any time during the year.

Sec. 26. 7 MRSA §3554, 1st sentence, as last amended by
PL 1973, c. 89, §2, is further amended to read:
Upon application of any incorporated or unincorporated club
or organization having in its membership 25 or more members
who are citizens who have been residents of the State for at
least 6 months immediately prior to making application and the
payment of a fee of ~~¢10~~ \$12, the Department of Inland Fisheries

and Game may at its discretion issue a license to such club or organization to hold at the time and place stated in such license a field trial for sporting dogs for the purpose of demonstrating the skill of such dogs in retrieving dead or wounded game birds.

Sec. 27. 7 MRSA §3554-A, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 89, §3, is amended to read:

Upon application of any incorporated or unincorporated club or organization having in its membership 25 or more members who are citizens who have been residents of the State for at least 6 months immediately prior to making application and the payment of a fee of ~~10~~ 12, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game may at its discretion issue a license to such club or organization to hold at the time and place stated in such license a field trial for sporting dogs for the purpose of demonstrating the skill of such dogs in retrieving dead or wounded game birds.

Sec. 28. 32 MRSA §4351, 2nd sentence, is amended to read:

Residents of this State shall pay an annual fee of ~~5~~ 6, except that unnaturalized, foreign-born residents shall pay an annual fee of ~~25~~ 30, for such license.

Sec. 29. 32 MRSA §4352, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 147, is amended to read:

The annual fee for such license shall be ~~25~~ 30.

Sec. 30. 32 MRSA §4353, 3rd sentence, is amended to read:

The fee for the license shall be ~~25~~ 30 for residents of this State and ~~50~~ 60 for nonresidents to be paid to the said commissioner.

Sec. 31. Effective date. Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall become effective July 1, 1976. All other sections of this Act shall become effective January 1, 1976.

Statement of Fact

It is the purpose of this amendment to increase fees for fish and game licenses by 20% over the current statutory fees, to set the snowmobile registration fee at \$11 and to set the basic boat registration fee at \$6. This adjustment is estimated to generate \$800,000 yearly in additional revenue necessary for departmental operation.

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