

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1036

H. P. 849

House of Representatives, March 12, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Peterson of Caribou.

Cosponsor: Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require Nonresident Hunters to Use the Services of a Maine Guide.

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

12 MRSA § 2055 is enacted to read:

§ 2055. Nonresident hunters required to use the services of a Maine guide

1. Requirement. Any person who is not a resident of Maine shall hunt in Maine only if he or she uses the services of a licensed Maine guide.

2. Waivers. Waivers of the requirement imposed by subsection 1 shall be issued to the following classes of nonresident hunters:

A. Any nonresident hunter who furnishes sufficient proof to the commissioner or his designee that he or she was born in Maine, and lived in Maine for 5 consecutive years during any portion of his or her life; and

B. Any nonresident hunter owning a permanent camp, cottage or seasonal home who owns or leases that property and who is the holder of a homestead deed or lease. "Permanent," as used in this paragraph, means fixed to the earth or to a foundation, and does not mean mobile homes, unless the mobile home has remained in its location for a period of one year. No tent or temporary shelter shall be deemed a camp under this paragraph. Only the person whose name appears first on the homestead deed or lease shall be eligible for a waiver under this subsection. Waivers issued to persons under this paragraph shall be issued by the warden supervisor in the district in which the nonresident hunter owns or leases property after that

nonresident hunter has presented a deed or lease to the warden supervisor as proof of his or her eligibility.

3. Limitation on number of nonresident hunters whom a guide may serve. No licensed Maine guide shall render his services to more than 3 nonresident hunters at any one time.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to require nonresident hunters to use the services of a Maine guide.