

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1512**

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S. P. 458

In Senate, April 7, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Issuing of Fishing and Hunting Licenses.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the State is presently in a time of fiscal crisis and has an urgent need for additional revenue and economies; and

Whereas, enactment of this bill will provide an additional income to the State of \$25,000 to \$45,000; and

Whereas, the fishing and hunting seasons are near at hand and thus the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game soon will experience its greatest demand for licenses to hunt and fish; and

Whereas, this proposed legislation concerns the statutes regulating hunting and fishing licenses; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

12 MRSA § 2401-B, sub-§§ 9, 11, 12 and 15, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 409, § 2, are repealed.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

## FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that enactment of this legislation will result in an increase in revenue to the State of approximately \$25,000 to \$45,000 annually.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The reduced license fees for servicemen were given when the servicemen served this country and received minimum pay. Today servicemen are volunteers and receive fair compensation for service. This bill will repeal these reduced fees. This bill also repeals the provision for complimentary licenses as the cost in the reduction of license revenues is not balanced by the good these licenses do.