

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 768**

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H. P. 627

House of Representatives, March 8, 1977

On motion of Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln, referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sprowl of Hope.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Concerning Hunting and Fishing License Fees for Foreign  
Exchange Students.**

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

12 **MRSA § 2401-B, sub-§ 18** is enacted to read:

18. Licenses to foreign exchange students. A license to hunt or fish shall be issued, at a fee equal to the resident license fee for a person of like age and status, to any citizen of a foreign nation under 21 years of age who is domiciled with a family within the State pursuant to any cultural or educational exchange program conducted by any governmental, educational, cultural or religious organization.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide that foreign exchange students may purchase hunting and fishing licenses at resident license fee rates. The present rates for aliens to hunt or fish are extremely high and many exchange students cannot afford to participate with their sponsoring families in these activities. Because the purpose of the exchange programs is to provide an opportunity for foreign students to experience life as members of a Maine family, the fees for licensing should be reduced to permit them to hunt and fish with their sponsoring families.