

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 877

H. P. 695

House of Representatives, March 9, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Dow of West Gardiner referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide a Special Hunting License Fee for Nonresidents who Pay Property Taxes within the State.

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

12 MRSA § 2401, sub-§ 3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Special hunting license fee for nonresident taxpayers. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3, a nonresident who owns, or is legally entitled to possession of more than $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land within the State upon which is situated a dwelling shall, upon furnishing proof of such ownership or entitlement to the commissioner or his authorized agent, be issued a license following payment of a fee according to the following schedule:

- A. Small game hunting \$15.50
Permits hunting of all species except bear and deer
- B. Big game hunting \$30.50

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish a special hunting license fee for those nonresident hunters who own more than $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land within the State with a dwelling thereon. The fee would be \$15.50 for a small game license and \$30.50 for a big game license.

Many nonresidents who own property within the State pay a substantial amount of tax revenue to the State. These persons often are seasonal residents who receive few social services (such as education and highway repair) in exchange for their tax dollars. In exchange for tax revenue which these persons generate, they should receive some type of preference in obtaining a hunting license.