

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1466

H. P. 1241

House of Representatives, April 7, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Promote the Sale of More Hunting Licenses to Nonresidents
Hunting Deer or Bear.**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2401, sub-§ 3, ¶¶ E and F, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 9, are repealed and the following enacted in their places:

E. Nonresident sportsman license \$30.50

Permits hunting for all species except deer and bear.
Void during open season on deer unless held together
with nonresident deer hunting license, nonresident
bear hunting license or nonresident deer and bear
hunting license.

F. Nonresident license for deer \$30.50

Permits hunting of deer when held together with
nonresident sportsman license.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2401, sub-§ 3, ¶ G, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 590, § 9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

G. Nonresident license for bear \$30.50

Permits hunting of bear when held together with
nonresident sportsman license.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 2401, sub-§ 3, ¶ I is enacted to read:

I. Nonresident combination license for big game

\$50.50

Permits hunting of both deer and bear when held together with nonresident sportsman license.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 2502, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 16, 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 \$7.50 for hunting deer by residents of this State and ~~\$60.50~~ **\$30.50 when held together with a nonresident sportsman license established under section 2401, subsection 3, paragraph E**, 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. 5. Effective date. This Act shall take effect January 1, 1978.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill separates deer hunting and bear hunting licenses for nonresidents, permitting them to hunt either deer or bear without having to purchase a big game license which permits hunting of both deer and bear. It is estimated that enactment of this bill would raise an additional \$170,000 per year, an amount which is sufficient to permit restaffing of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.