

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1662

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2401, sub-§ 3, §§'s C, E and F, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 9, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

**C. Junior nonresident sportsman license  
10-16 years of age**

**\$15.50**

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, except that the possessor of such a license may hunt wild birds or animals, except deer or bear, with a shotgun. While so hunting it shall be unlawful to have in possession any shot larger than No. 2.

**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 non-

resident deer and bear hunting license, except that the possessor of such license may hunt wild birds or animals, except deer or bear, with a shotgun. While so hunting it shall be unlawful to have in possession any shot larger than No. 2.

F. Nonresident license for deer \$30.50

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

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2401, sub-§ 3, ¶¶ I and J are enacted to read:

I. Nonresident license for bear \$30.50

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

J. Nonresident combination deer and bear hunting license \$40.50

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

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 2501, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 208, §§ 2 and 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2501. Seasons

The following seasons shall be established for persons hunting with bow and arrow only.

1. Special open season for deer. There shall be a special open season from the first Monday of October to the beginning of the regular deer hunting season as described in section 2353 for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.

2. Open season. It shall be legal to hunt any wild animal by bow and arrow during any open season on that animal.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 2502, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 16 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2502. License; tags

The commissioner shall issue an archery license which shall allow persons to hunt deer during the special archery season described in section 2501, and to hunt any wild animal, including deer, by bow and arrow during any open season on that animal. Archery licenses and fees are established as follows.

1. Resident archery license \$7.50

2. Combination resident archery hunting and fishing license \$12.50

To be available from the department in August only.

**3. Nonresident archery license****\$30.50**

The issuing agent shall retain a fee of 50¢ for each license issued. Archery deer tags shall be issued for use in the same manner as regular deer tags. If a person does take a deer with bow and arrow during the open season on deer, he is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year.

Section 2401, subsection 1, shall not apply to archery licenses.

No resident under the age of 10 years and no nonresident under the age of 12 years shall hunt with bow and arrow at any time. Any resident between the ages of 10 and 16 and any nonresident between the ages of 12 and 16, who hunts under section 2501, shall purchase an archery license with the written consent of a parent or guardian and shall be accompanied at all times while hunting by a parent or guardian or an adult approved by a parent or guardian.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This new draft allows junior nonresident hunters to purchase separate deer or bear licenses in combination with the junior nonresident sportsman license, and allows persons to hunt birds and other game during deer season, provided shotguns are used, and sets the price of a combination license for big game (deer and bear) at \$40.50 instead of \$50.50, plus \$30.50 nonresident sportsman license.

The new draft also allows archers to purchase one hunting license which will be good for all open seasons on any wild animal, in addition to a special archery season for deer. Currently persons wishing to hunt with bow and arrow must purchase one license to hunt during the open archery season on deer, and a 2nd license to hunt throughout the remainder of the year. This new draft also creates a combination hunting and fishing license for resident archery hunters, which is similar to the combination hunting and fishing license for persons hunting with firearms.

This new draft will reduce the expected increase in revenue described in the bill's statement of fact by approximately \$8,000. Thus enactment of the bill, as amended, would raise an additional \$162,000 per year.