

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 27, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rollins of Dixfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Amend the Prohibition of Issuing Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses to  
Persons Convicted of Certain Offenses.**

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

12 MRSA § 2403, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 147, § 2 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§ 2403. Issuance of licenses to persons convicted of certain offenses prohibited**

**1. Prohibitions. No person may be issued any license under this subchapter if he has been convicted of the following offenses:**

**A. Breaking and entering any building;**

**B. Larceny of any equipment used for trapping or hunting; or**

**C. Larceny of any animals or parts of animals which have been obtained by trapping or hunting, which were in the possession or control of the person who trapped or hunted these animals.**

**2. Exceptions.**

**A. Upon the first conviction of any of the crimes, mentioned in subsection 1, a person who is 18 years of age or older may not be issued a license for 10 years.**

**B. Upon the first conviction of any of the crimes mentioned in subsection 1, a person who is under 18 years of age may not be issued a license for 2 years.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes and clarifies the prohibition of issuing Fisheries and Wildlife licenses to persons convicted of certain crimes. It broadens the section to cover larceny and breaking and entering throughout the State, instead of just the unorganized territories. It also changes from 2 years to 10 years the prohibition for first offenses for adults.