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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 374, L.D. 1154, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Statutory Requirements for Issuance of Maine Guides Licenses."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following: ^{as amended,}
'12 MRSA §2053, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th paragraphs, ^{are repealed}
and the following enacted in their place:

Any person wishing to be licensed as a Maine guide shall submit an application on such forms as the commissioner may provide. All persons who have not held a guide's license prior to January 1, 1980 shall be required to pass an examination as directed by the board of examiners.

A board of examiners for the licensing of guides shall consist of: the commissioner or such subordinate officer of the department as the commissioner may designate; 2 wardens of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and a representative of the public to be appointed by the Governor for a term of 3 years. The public member shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed by the department for actual expenses incurred in carrying out his duties, at the same rate as provided for state employees. Examinations shall be held in areas designated by the commissioner.

The board shall act on all applications within 5 working days of receipt, and shall notify all applicants at least 2 weeks prior to the examination. The board of examiners shall make such rules pertaining to the licensing of guides as it deems necessary.

The commissioner, upon receipt of the recommendation of his designee, may license such persons as a general guide or a specialized guide and the commissioner may, at his discretion, change the classification of guides from one class to another.

Guides shall be restricted in the use of watercraft while guiding on such waters as the commissioner may prescribe. Guides using a motorboard shall have either a valid license to operate a motorboat carrying passengers for hire issued by the Bureau of Watercraft Registration and Safety, or a valid superior USCG license.

A guide whose license is not suspended or revoked may renew that license annually upon the payment of the \$32 fee. Completion and passage of the guide's examination is not a requirement for renewal.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment grandfathers existing guides from the requirements of the original bill and clarifies the language.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

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