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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1600

H. P. 1373

House of Representatives, May 8, 1979

The Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Charles Dow of West Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Increase Revenues Available to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Compensate for the Effects of Inflation on its Current License Fees and its Costs.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 3554, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 24, is further amended to read:

Upon application of any incorporated or unincorporated club or organization having in its membership 25 or more members who are citizens who have been residents of the State for at least 6 months immediately prior to making application and the payment of a fee of ~~\$15~~ **\$21**, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may at its discretion issue a license to such club or organization to hold at the time and place stated in such license a field trial for sporting dogs for the purpose of demonstrating the skill of such dogs in retrieving dead or wounded game birds.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 3554, 3rd sentence from the end, as amended by PL 1975, c. 497, § 3, is further amended to read:

Licensees shall pay the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for services of its representative at such field trials at the rate of ~~\$15~~ **\$21 or the actual costs to the department, whichever is high**, per day.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA § 3554-A, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 25, is further amended to read:

Upon application of any incorporated or unincorporated club or organization having in its membership 25 or more members who are citizens who have been residents of the State for at least 6 months immediately prior to making application and the payment of a fee of ~~\$15~~ **\$21**, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may in its discretion issue a license to such club or organization to hold at the time and place stated in such license a field trial for sporting dogs for the purpose of demonstrating the skill of such dogs in retrieving dead or wounded game birds.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA § 3554-A, first ¶, 3rd sentence from the end, as amended by PL 1975, c. 497, § 3, is further amended to read:

Licensees shall pay the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for services of its representative at such field trials at the rate of ~~\$15~~ **\$21 or the actual costs to the department, whichever is higher**, per day.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA § 1904, 6th ¶ from the end, 4th sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 1, is further amended to read:

Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$63~~ **\$88**.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA § 2053, 7th ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 5, is further amended to read:

A fee of ~~\$32~~ **\$45** shall be paid annually for a resident guide's license. Nonresidents may be so licensed upon payment of a fee of ~~\$125~~ **\$157.50**. Aliens may be so licensed upon payments of a fee of ~~\$150~~ **\$165**. Persons licensed under this section may hunt and fish by virtue of their guide's license.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA § 2054, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 425, § 56, is amended to read:

The fee for said permit shall be ~~\$5~~ **\$7** for counselors of Maine camps and ~~\$10~~ **\$11** for counselors of camps from other states.

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA § 2106, 6th ¶, 3rd sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 6, is further amended to read:

When it appears that such application is made in good faith, and upon the payment of an annual fee of ~~\$13~~ **\$18**, said commissioner may issue to the applicant a breeder's license permitting the breeding and rearing of any species of wild animals within such enclosure or on such island.

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA § 2255, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 7, is further amended to read:

The fee for this license shall be ~~\$38~~ **\$53** for those camps with an enrollment of less than 50 campers, ~~\$63~~ **\$88** for those camps with an enrollment of not less than 50 campers but not more than 75 campers and ~~\$94~~ **\$132** for those camps with an enrollment of more than 75 campers.

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA § 2401, sub-§ 3, ¶¶ A to G, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 9, are further amended to read:

A. Resident junior hunting 10-16 years of age.	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00
B. Resident hunting 16 years of age or older.	\$ 7.50	10.50
C. Junior nonresident hunting 10-16 years of age. Permits hunting of all species except deer and bear. Application shall be accompanied by the written consent of his or her parent or guardian.	\$15.50	17.00
D. Resident combination hunting and fishing.	\$12.50	17.50
E. Nonresident small game hunting. Permits hunting of all species except bear and deer.	\$30.50	33.50
F. Nonresident citizen big game hunting. Permits hunting of all species including bear and deer.	\$60.50	66.50
G. Alien big game hunting Permits hunting for all species including bear and deer.	\$100.00	110.00

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA § 2401-B, sub-§ 3, ¶¶ A to F, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 10, is further amended to read:

A. Junior nonresident fishing 12-16 years of age.	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.50
B. Resident fishing	\$ 7.50	10.50
C. Resident or nonresident 3-day fishing. Any resident of the State who procures a 3-day license may exchange the same for an annual resident fishing license in the town in which he resides upon the payment of 50¢ to the clerk or issuing agent.	\$ 7.50	10.50
D. Nonresident 7-day fishing Valid for 7-days from date as indicated on license.	\$12.50	14.00
E. Nonresident 15-day fishing Valid for 15 days from date as indicated on license.	\$15.50	18.00

- F. Nonresident season fishing ~~\$25.50~~ 28.00
 16 years of age or older.

Sec. 12. 12 MRSA § 2402, first 2 sentences, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 590, § 12, are amended to read:

Any resident who traps for any wild animal shall annually procure a license therefor from the commissioner, paying therefor ~~\$13~~ \$18. The fee for a nonresident for a trapping license shall be ~~\$250~~ \$275.

Sec. 13. 12 MRSA § 2466-B, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 13, is further amended to read:

Sec. 14. 12 MRSA § 2502, sub-§§ 1 to 3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 452, are amended to read:

1. Resident archery license ~~\$7.50~~ \$10.50
2. Combination resident archery hunting and fishing license, to be available from the department in Augusta only ~~\$12.50~~ 17.50
3. Nonresident archery license ~~\$30.50~~ 33.50.

Sec. 15. 12 MRSA § 2557, 4th ¶, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 130, is amended to read:

The fee for such license shall be ~~\$10~~ \$14.

Sec. 16. 12 MRSA § 2558, 3rd ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 18, is further amended to read:

All persons dealing in live bait shall be licensed to do so by the commissioner, and the fee therefor shall be ~~\$13~~ \$18 for each calendar year.

Sec. 17. 12 MRSA § 2558-A, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 19, is further amended to read:

The fee for a live smelt bait dealer's license shall be ~~\$60~~ \$84 for each calendar year.

Sec. 18. 12 MRSA § 2701, first ¶, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 503, § 25, is amended to read:

The minimum fee for these permits shall not be less than ~~\$32~~ \$45.

Sec. 19. 12 MRSA § 2751, 3rd ¶, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 20, is further amended to read:

The license fee shall be ~~\$15~~ \$21 and licenses shall be kept constantly and publicly posted in the office or place of business of the licensee.

Sec. 20. 12 MRSA § 2851, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 21, is further amended to read:

The commissioner may issue a license at an annual fee of ~~\$15~~ **\$21** to any person, firm or corporation, permitting the licensee to breed, rear or keep game birds or migratory game birds.

Sec. 21. 32 MRSA § 4351, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 26, is further amended to read:

Residents of this State shall pay an annual fee of ~~\$7~~ **\$10**, except that unnaturalized, foreign-born residents shall pay an annual fee of ~~\$32~~ **\$35**, for such license.

Sec. 22. 32 MRSA § 4352, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 27, is further amended to read:

The annual fee for such license shall be ~~\$32~~ **\$45**.

Sec. 23. 32 MRSA § 4353, 3rd sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 28, is further amended to read:

The fee for the license shall be ~~\$32~~ **\$45** for residents of this State and ~~\$63~~ **\$69.50** for nonresidents to be paid to the said commissioner.

Sec. 24. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1980.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife depends on dedicated revenues generated by license fees to fund its law enforcement, wildlife conservation and research programs. The type fee increases proposed will substantially reduce the revenue shortfall anticipated in this biennium as a result of inflation and salary increases for wardens and other personnel. It is estimated that approximately \$920,000 would be realized by implementation of the new schedule.