

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1805

S. P. 682

In Senate, January 15, 1980

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Redmond of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

**AN ACT to Increase Compensation to Municipal Clerks and other Issuing Agents for the Issuance of Certain Fish and Game Licenses.**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7101, sub-§ 2**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, is amended to read:

**2. Agent's fee.** Clerks or other agents appointed by the commissioner to issue licenses and permits shall retain a fee of ~~50¢~~ \$1 for each license issued.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7102, sub-§ 2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, § 9, is amended to read:

**2. Issuance.** The commissioner, through his agents, shall issue an archery license to eligible persons. The issuing agent shall retain a fee of ~~50¢~~ \$1 for each license issued.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 7151, sub-§ 2**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended to read:

**2. Agent's fee.** Clerks or other agents appointed by the commissioner to issue licenses shall retain a fee of ~~50¢~~ \$1 for each license issued.

**Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1981.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the compensation municipal clerks retain for issuing hunting and fishing licenses from 50¢ to \$1. The clerk's compensation has not been adjusted since 1971, while the license fees have been increased several times in the interim. When the State was the agent for issuing duplicate licenses, \$1 was retained for the cost of administration. Municipal clerks should receive similar compensation for their responsibilities which include determination of residency under penalty of law.