

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-890)
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1833, L.D. 1937, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase Trapping Fees."

Amend the Bill by striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1 12 MRSA §7131, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 543, §13, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7133 is enacted to read:

§7133. Trapping license

1. Eligibility.

A. Any resident 16 years of age or older is eligible to purchase a resident trapping license.

B. Any resident 10 years of age or older and under 16^{years}/_{is} eligible to purchase a resident junior trapping license.

C. Any resident under 10 years of age may trap without a license.

D. Any nonresident is eligible to purchase a nonresident trapping license.

2. Issuance. The commissioner may issue a license to engage in trapping.

3. Expiration. A resident junior trapping license issued to a person who has passed his 15th birthday is valid through the calendar year for which the license was issued.

4. Schedule of fees.

A. Resident trapping.....\$25

B. Resident junior trapping.....\$5
(10 years of age or older and under 16 years)

C. Nonresident trapping.....\$300

5. Restrictions.

A. Any resident under 10 years of age shall be accompanied at all times while trapping by a parent or guardian or an adult approved by a parent or guardian.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7352, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, §32, is amended to read:

2. Fee. The annual fee for a hide dealer's license shall be ~~\$34~~ \$50 for residents ~~of this State~~ and ~~\$68~~ \$100 for nonresidents.

Statement of Fact

This amendment lowers the fee for junior trapping licenses from the proposed \$15 to \$5. It also increases fees for hide dealer's licenses approximately 50%. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife estimates that this bill as amended will increase dedicated revenues by between \$10,000 and \$20,000.