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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 440

H. P. 397

House of Representatives, January 26, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Damren of Belgrade.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Provide that Certain Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife be Issued on the Basis of Fiscal Year.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7133, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 729, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Expiration.

A. Effective June 30, 1982, all licenses issued under this section are valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year.

B. Any license issued under this section for the 1981 calendar year shall continue to be valid through June 30, 1982.

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

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7133, sub-§ 5, ¶ B is enacted to read:

B. Any trapper under 16 years of age while carrying a firearm in connection with trapping activities shall be accompanied by a parent or guardian or an adult approved by a parent or guardian.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 7351, sub-§ 1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Expiration.

A. Effective June 30, 1982, all licenses issued under this section are valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year.

B. Any license issued under this section for the 1981 calendar year shall continue to be valid through June 30, 1982.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 7351, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended to read:

3. Restrictions. ~~Each licensed taxidermist shall, on or before the 31st day of December of each year, make a detailed report to the commissioner of all he has done during the year by virtue of his license~~

A. Each licensee shall keep a true, complete and current record, maintained in a legible manner in such form as is required by the commissioner, of all taxidermy transactions.

B. The record shall be open for inspection by the commissioner or his agent, and shall be filed with the commissioner, after being notarized, on or before June 30th of each year.

C. The place of business of each licensed taxidermist, including fish and wildlife in storage, shall be open to inspection during normal business hours by the commissioner or his agent.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA § 7352, sub-§ 1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Expiration.

A. Effective June 30, 1982, all licenses issued under this section are valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year.

B. Any license issued under this section for the 1981 calendar year shall continue to be valid through June 30, 1982.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA § 7352, sub-§ 3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, § 32, is amended to read:

3. Restrictions.

A. Each licensee shall keep a true ~~and~~, complete and current record, maintained in a legible manner in such form as is required by the commissioner, of all heads and hides purchased ~~and~~ and marketed.

B. The record shall be open for inspection by the commissioner or his agent, and shall be filed with the commissioner, after being notarized, on or before ~~December 31st~~ June 30th of each year.

C. The place of business of each licensed hide buyer, including heads and hides in storage, shall be open to inspection during normal business hours by the commissioner or his agent.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that certain licenses be issued on the basis of fiscal year rather than by calendar year and, in so doing, solves certain record keeping problems. This change benefits the involved license holders in that they will no longer have to renew their licenses halfway through the most active part of their business year.

This bill also provides for more complete record keeping on the part of taxidermists and hide buyers. It also allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, or his agent, to enter the places of business of these licensees during normal business hours for purposes of inspection.