

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 681

House of Representatives, February 11, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Locke of Sebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Create a Nonresident Property Owner Fishing License.**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7001, sub-§ 24-A is enacted to read:

**24-A. Nonresident property owner.** "Nonresident property owner" means a person who does not fall within the definition of resident in subsection 32, and who has paid property taxes in this State for the preceding calendar year.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7151, sub-§ 5, ¶ J is enacted to read:

**J. Nonresident property owner season fishing.....\$19.50**

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 7151, sub-§ 5-A is enacted to read:

**5-A. Nonresident property owners.** The fee for nonresident property owner season fishing licenses shall be equal to the average of the fees for resident and nonresident season fishing licenses.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In the past 5 years, the price of nonresident season fishing licenses has increased from \$15.50 to \$30.50. As a result, sales have fallen from about 17,000 to only 9,700 licenses sold last year. Many of the people who spend summers in

lakeside cottages are buying 3-day licenses instead of season licenses as the price increases. These people are also paying property taxes on their property, and getting few services in return. This bill will create a special nonresident property owner season fishing license that is priced half-way between the resident and nonresident season price. The bill is likely to increase total revenues to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife since increased sales should more than make up the difference in price.