

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 853

H. P. 721

House of Representatives, February 13, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Davis of Monmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Reduced Hunting and Fishing License Fees for Nonresidents Owning Taxable Property in the State for at Least 5 Years.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7101, sub-§§ 5-A and 5-B are enacted to read:

5-A. Special hunting license for nonresident property owners. Notwithstanding subsection 5, a nonresident shall be issued a season small game hunting license upon payment of \$25.50, a season big game hunting license upon payment of \$40.50 or a combination hunting and fishing license upon payment of \$60.50, if, at the time of application for a license, he furnishes to the commissioner or his authorized agent:

A. Proof, in the form of real property tax receipts, that he has owned property in a municipality of this State for a period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the application for a license; and

B. Proof, in the form of an affidavit, that he resided in the State for at least 3 calendar months in each of the 5 years immediately preceding application.

These fees shall also apply to the spouse and to any dependent child of that nonresident.

5-B. False information; penalty. Any person furnishing false information under subsection 5-A for the purpose of obtaining a nonresident hunting license for

nonresident property owners shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 payable to the State to be recovered in a civil action. Any moneys received by the State under this subsection shall be held by the Treasurer of State in a special fund and shall be used for the administration of this Part.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7151, sub-§§ 5-A and 5-B are enacted to read:

5-A. Special fishing license for nonresident property owners. Notwithstanding subsection 5, a nonresident shall be issued a season fishing license upon payment of \$20.50, if, at the time of application for the license, he furnishes to the commissioner or his authorized agent:

A. Proof, in the form of real property tax receipts, that he has owned property in a municipality of this State for a period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the application for a license; and

B. Proof, in the form of an affidavit, that he resided in the State for at least 3 calendar months in each of the 5 years immediately preceding application.

These fees shall also apply to the spouse and to any dependent child of that nonresident.

5-B. False information; penalty. Any person furnishing false information under subsection 5-A for the purpose of obtaining a nonresident fishing license for nonresident property owners shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000, payable to the State, to be recovered in a civil action. Any moneys received by the State under this subsection shall be held by the Treasurer of State in a special fund and shall be used for the administration of this Part.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a reduced license fee for hunting and fishing licenses to nonresidents who have owned taxable property in the State for 5 years or more and who reside in the State at least 3 months a year.