

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 326

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7 H.P. 266

House of Representatives, January 31, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, sent up for
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Armstrong of Wilton.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to Hunting and Fishing
18 by Disabled Persons.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by
23 PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

24 A. The commissioner may issue, upon application,
25 complimentary resident hunting and fishing
26 licenses to a resident of Maine who is suffering
27 from paraplegia or suffering from the loss of, or
28 the loss of the use of, both lower extremities.
29 Any license issued under this paragraph shall be
30 a lifetime license.

1 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1-A is enacted to
2 read:

3 1-A. Special season for disabled hunters.

4 A. There shall be a special season on deer for
5 disabled hunters, licensed under section 7076,
6 subsection 3, 3 days prior to the regular open
7 season on deer specified in subsection 1, para-
8 graph A. Any person who hunts during this spe-
9 cial season and who does not take a deer may also
10 hunt during the regular hunting season.

11 B. A disabled hunter may be accompanied by one
12 nonhunting person to aid him with the recovery of
13 his deer.

14 Sec. 3. Commissioner to contact counterparts.
15 The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is
16 directed to communicate with his counterparts in the
17 other states to encourage them to reciprocate with
18 this State by providing benefits to paraplegic Maine
19 hunters and fishermen similar to those which Maine
20 now extends to paraplegic hunters and fishermen from
21 other states. The commissioner shall report on the
22 results of his efforts to the joint standing commit-
23 tee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fish-
24 eries and wildlife matters not later than January 15,
25 1984.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 This bill has 3 purposes:

28 1. To grant disabled persons lifetime hunting and
29 fishing licenses rather than ones that must be
30 renewed every year;

31 2. To establish a special 3-day deer season for
32 disabled persons just prior to the regular deer sea-
33 son; and

34 3. To direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
35 and Wildlife to communicate with his counterparts in
36 the other states to encourage them to reciprocate
37 with Maine by providing benefits to disabled Maine

1 hunters and fishermen similar to those which Maine
2 provides to their disabled hunters and fishermen.

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