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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 1226

H.P. 914 House of Representatives, April 10, 1987

Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representatives MCGOWAN of Canaan, CLARK
of Millinocket, and ROTONDI of Athens.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Require Archery Hunter Training.
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3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
4 follows:

5 12 MRSA §7102, sub-§§7 and 8 are enacted to read:

6 7. Archery hunter training program requirements.
7 Any person who applies for an archery hunting li-
8 cence, other than a junior license, shall submit
9 proof of having successfully completed an education
10 course of the type described in subsection 8 and ap-
11 proved by the commissioner, or satisfactory evidence
12 of having previously held an adult archery hunting
13 license in this State or any other state, province, or
14 country in any year after 1977, or having successf-
15 ly completed a hunter safety course as provided in
16 section 7035, subsection 10.

1 When proof or evidence cannot otherwise be provided,
2 the person may substitute a signed affidavit that he
3 has previously held the required adult archery hunt-
4 ing license or that he has successfully completed the
5 required archery hunter education course.

6 8. Archery hunter education program established.
7 The commissioner shall establish a program for train-
8 ing individuals in safe and responsible archery hunt-
9 ing skills and behavior. This program shall include
10 instruction in fisheries and wildlife laws, rights of
11 landowners and hunters and appropriate principles of
12 wildlife management. The commissioner may charge an
13 enrollment fee of up to \$10 per person to help defray
14 the costs of this program. The commissioner may co-
15 operate with any public or private association dedi-
16 cated to responsible and safe archery hunting to es-
17 tablish this program.

18 In establishing the program, the commissioner shall:

19 A. Prescribe the qualifications of instructors;

20 B. Provide liability insurance for each instruc-
21 tor authorized by the commissioner to conduct
22 these programs protecting him from liability for
23 damages during the time when instruction is being
24 given. The cost of this insurance shall be borne
25 by the State and shall be a charge against the
26 funds credited to the department;

27 C. Prescribe the type and length of instruction
28 and the time and place of examinations; and

29 D. Issue a certificate of competency to individ-
30 uals who successfully complete the examination.

31 This subsection shall take effect January 1, 1989.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill proposes that the commissioner estab-
3 lish a program for archery hunter education which
4 covers skills, safety, laws, rights and wildlife man-
5 agement. It requires that anyone applying for an
6 archery hunting license for the first time must suc-
7 cessfully complete this course or an equivalent.

8 This program is similar to those currently in
9 place for trapping and hunting licenses.

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