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House of Representatives, January 25, 1989

Reported by Representative CLARK for the Commission to Review the Laws Relating to Registered Maine Guides pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 105.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend the Laws Relating to Licensed Maine Guides.



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

3 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7011, 2nd ¶,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 819,
5 Pt. A, §17, is amended to read:

7 The department shall consist of a Commissioner of Inland
9 Fisheries and Wildlife, deputy commissioner, Bureau of
11 Administrative Services, Bureau of Resource Management and
13 Bureau of Warden Service. It shall also include the ~~Board of~~
15 ~~Examiners for the Licensing of Guides~~ Advisory Board for the
17 Licensing of Guides, the Junior Maine Guides and Trip Leaders'
19 Curriculum Board and whatever state agencies which shall be
21 designated. The department shall be under the control and
23 supervision of the commissioner.

25 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7313, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 742,
27 §7, is amended to read:

29 **3. Location.** The commissioner shall designate locations
31 where the examination will be held, except that exams shall be
33 held in one of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regions if at
35 least 10 applicants reside in that region.

37 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7313-A** is enacted to read:

39 **§7313-A. Approved curriculum for licensed Maine guides**

41 By March 1, 1990, the commissioner shall approve a
43 curriculum designed to prepare persons for the guide
45 examinations. This curriculum shall cover practical skills,
47 fisheries and wildlife laws and other aspects important for the
49 guiding profession. The commissioner shall convene an ad hoc
51 advisory board, as defined under Title 5, section 12008, to
53 develop the curriculum. Nonagency members shall be compensated
 according to Title 5, chapter 379. The commissioner also shall
 consult with the Department of Educational and Cultural Services
 in developing the curriculum.

41 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

43 This bill is a product of a study by the Commission to
45 Review the Laws Relating to Registered Maine Guides. The
47 commission was charged with examining the issues involved with
49 developing a system for licensing outfitters and assistant
51 guides. After considerable debate, the commission concluded that
53 the most effective tool to help train new guides would be a
 training curriculum developed and approved by the Department of
 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, available to sporting groups,
 vocational-technical institutes and adult education programs.
 This curriculum is not intended to be a requirement for obtaining
 a guide's license.

1 The commission was also charged with examining the issues
3 surrounding licensing or registering outfitters. They felt that
 at this time there is no need for licensing outfitters.

5 Section 1 corrects a reference to the Advisory Board for the
7 Licensing of Guides.

9 Section 2 requires the department to hold guide examinations
11 at regional headquarters when 10 or more applicants reside in
 that region. This is another recommendation of the commission.

13 Section 3 requires the department to approve a curriculum
15 for training Maine guides by March 1, 1990. The curriculum is to
 be developed by an advisory group consisting of all the interests
 that are involved in guiding or may be affected by any
 recommendations.