

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Island Falls and Representative CARROLL of Southwest Harbor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act Relating to Maine Hunting Licenses.**

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

3 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7073, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,  
5 §1, is amended to read:

7 1. Form. The commissioner shall furnish application  
9 blanks, licenses and permits ~~in such form as he may designate.~~  
11 Hunting licenses shall be made of a material that is weather  
13 resistant and shall be of sufficient size to allow at least 10  
15 authorizations of land use to be recorded on one side of the  
17 license and an identification number in the dimensions required  
19 by subsection 2 to be recorded on the other side. The  
21 commissioner shall determine the form of other licenses issued by  
23 the department.

25 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7073, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,  
27 §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

29 2. Identification number. Hunting licenses shall bear an  
31 identification number on the front of the license in characters  
33 that are at least 4 inches high. The commissioner may require  
35 that other licenses and permits issued by the department contain  
37 an identification number and any additional pertinent information  
39 the commissioner determines necessary.

41 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,  
43 §1, is amended to read:

45 2. Hunting without license on person. A person is guilty  
47 of hunting without a license on his person if he the person:

49 A. Fails to keep his the written hunting license on his  
51 person while ~~hunting or~~ transporting animals or birds; ~~or~~

53 B. Fails to exhibit his the license to any warden, employee  
55 of the department, guide or landowner, upon request; or

57 C. Fails to wear on the upper body the written hunting  
59 license, with the identification number of the license  
61 showing, while hunting animals or birds.

#### 63 STATEMENT OF FACT

65 This bill establishes new requirements for the form of  
67 hunting licenses. The bill requires that hunting licenses be  
69 weather resistant, of sufficient size to contain at least 10  
71 authorizations of land use and contain an identification number  
which must be in characters at least 4 inches high. The bill  
makes it an offense to hunt for animals and birds without wearing  
the license. The license must be worn on the upper body and the  
identification number of the license must be visible.