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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 33, L.D. 43, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Permanent Fishing License System for Older Citizens"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'An Act to Establish a Permanent License System for Older Citizens'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 493, §§8 and 9, is further amended to read:

1. Residents over 70 years of age. A complimentary license to hunt, trap or fish, including an archery license under section 7102, and a muzzle-loading hunting license under section 7107-A, shall ~~must~~ be issued to any resident of Maine who is 70 years of age or older upon application to the commissioner. These complimentary licenses, upon issuance, remain valid for the remainder of the life of the license holder, provided the license holder continues to satisfy the residency requirements set out in section 7001, subsection 32 and provided the license is not revoked or suspended. Residents who apply for these complimentary licenses at any time during the calendar year of their 70th birthday shall ~~must~~ be issued a license upon application, regardless of the actual date during that calendar year when in which they attain age 70. A guide license may be renewed without charge for any resident of Maine who is 70 years

2 of age or older upon application to the commissioner. The
3 application shall ~~must~~ be accompanied by a birth certificate or
4 other certified evidence of the applicant's date of birth and
5 residency. Each When the holder of a license issued under this
6 subsection shall--remain no longer satisfies the residency
7 requirements set out in section 7001, subsection 32, the license
8 is no longer valid through-December-31st-of-the-2nd-complete
9 calendar-year-following-the-year-of-issuance and further use of
10 the license for purposes of hunting, fishing or trapping
11 constitutes a license violation under section 7371, subsection 3.

12 Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1,
13 1992.

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FISCAL NOTE

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16 This bill changes complimentary licenses issued to residents
17 70 years of age or older from being renewed every 2 years to
18 making the licenses permanent. Such a change will result in
19 negligible savings to the Department of Inland Fisheries and
20 Wildlife in postage and computer time. These savings will be
21 offset by an expected increase in costs for the issuance of a
22 more durable Tyvek license.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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26 This amendment changes the bill so that the permanent
27 complimentary licenses issued to residents over 70 years of age
28 are not limited to fishing licenses but include hunting,
29 trapping, archery hunting and muzzle-loaded hunting licenses.
30 This amendment also makes any permanent licenses invalid if the
31 license holder no longer meets the residency requirements set out
32 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7001, subsection
33 32. The amendment adds a section to the bill making the bill
34 effective on January 1, 1992. The emergency preamble and
35 emergency clause are removed from the bill. The amendment also
36 adds a fiscal note.

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38 Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.
39 Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
40 (3/8/91) (Filing No. 26)