

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 43

H.P. 33

House of Representatives, December 11, 1990

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

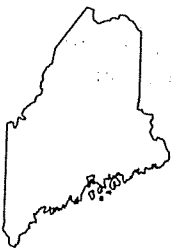
Presented by Representative ALIBERTI of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Establish a Permanent Fishing License System for Older
Citizens.

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, emergency enactment of this legislation will reduce the total number of hunting and fishing licenses that must be processed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and

Whereas, this reduction will save the department staff resources and money; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

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. 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 of age or older upon application to the commissioner. The application shall must be accompanied by a birth certificate or other certified evidence of the applicant's date of birth and residency. Each license, except a license to fish, issued under this subsection shall ~~remain~~ remains valid through December 31st of the 2nd complete calendar year following the year of issuance. A fishing license issued under this subsection remains valid permanently.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill makes fishing licenses issued to residents 70 years of age or older permanent. Currently, these licenses must be renewed every 2 years.