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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot (GOVERNOR'S BILL).
Cosponsored by Senator SUMMERS of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

**An Act to Provide Additional Funding for the Department of Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife Through Increased License Fees.**



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

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 134,
is further amended to read:

6 **6. Armed Forces domiciled in Maine.** A combination fishing
and hunting license shall must be issued upon payment of ~~\$11 in~~
8 ~~1985, \$13 in 1986 and \$15 in 1987 and thereafter~~ \$18, plus the
issuing fee, to a serviceman person on active duty in the Armed
10 Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed outside
of the State, his or the person's spouse and children, provided
12 that he ~~can show~~ proof is furnished that his the person's home of
record, as recorded in his military service records, is Maine.
14 These persons shall must be issued all other licenses or permits
at resident fees. The license ~~will be~~ is valid during the year of
16 issue.

18 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§10, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced
by PL 1983, c. 807, Pt. P, §2, is repealed and the following
20 enacted in its place:

22 A. The fees for this license are as follows:

24 Camps with an enrollment of \$53
less than 50 campers

26 Camps with an enrollment of 50 \$83
28 or more campers but not more
than 75 campers.

30 Camps with an enrollment of \$120
32 more than 75 campers

34 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 696,
§5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

36 5. Schedule of fees. The schedule of fees is as follows:

38 A. Resident junior hunting license \$4
40 (10 years of age or older and under
16 years of age)

42 B. Resident hunting license \$18
44 (16 years of age or older)

46 C. Resident small game hunting license \$10
48 (Permits hunting of all legal species, except
deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat.)
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2	<u>D. Resident combination hunting and fishing license</u>	\$34
4	<u>E. Resident supersport license</u>	\$46
6	<u>F. Resident combination archery hunting and fishing license</u>	\$34
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10	<u>G. Nonresident junior hunting license (10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age)</u>	\$28
12	<u>(Permits hunting of all species, except deer and bear with firearms.)</u>	
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16	<u>H. Nonresident small game hunting license (Permits hunting of all legal species, except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat.)</u>	\$56
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20	<u>I. Nonresident big game hunting license (Permits hunting of all species, including deer and bear.)</u>	\$92
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24	<u>J. Nonresident combination hunting and fishing license</u>	\$128
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28	<u>K. Alien small game hunting license (Permits hunting of all species, except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat.)</u>	\$74
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32	<u>L. Alien big game hunting license (Permits hunting of all species, including deer and bear.)</u>	\$140
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36	<u>M. Alien combination hunting and fishing license</u>	\$192
38	Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7102, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL	
40	1983, c. 807, Pt. P, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:	
42	<u>3. Schedule of fees. The schedule of fees is as follows:</u>	
44	<u>A. Resident archery license</u>	\$18
46	<u>B. Resident combination archery hunting and fishing license</u>	\$34
48		
50	<u>C. Nonresident archery license</u>	\$56

D. Alien archery license \$74

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443, §12, is amended to read:

6 **2. Issuance.** The commissioner shall issue permits to
8 eligible persons to engage in the practice of falconry for a
period of up to 3 years at a fee of \$20 \$24 for each calendar
year.

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12 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7104, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 807,
Pt. P, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

14 **3. Fees.**

16 **A. The initial fee for a license to operate a commercial**
shooting area is \$395 for the first year of operation.

18 **B. Following the first year of operation, the fee for a**
20 **license to operate a commercial shooting area is \$155**
22 **annually, payable prior to July 1st of each successive year**
of operation.

24 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §7105, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 807,
Pt. P, §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

26 **2. Fee.** The fee for a special commercial shooting area
28 hunting license is \$18.

30 **Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §7107-A, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1987, c.
317, §7, is further amended to read:

32 **3. Schedule of fees.** The schedule of fees is as follows:

34 A. Resident 6-day muzzle-loading hunting
36 license \$7 \$8

38 B. Nonresident 6-day muzzle-loading
hunting license \$25 \$30

40 C. Alien 6-day muzzle-loading hunting
42 license \$50 \$60

44 **Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §7108, sub-§2,** as reenacted by PL 1985, c.
819, Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its
46 place:

48 **2. Fee.** The fee for a permit to hunt coyotes at night is
\$3.

2	<u>C. Resident combination archery hunting</u>	<u>\$34</u>
4	<u>and fishing license</u>	
6	<u>D. Junior nonresident fishing license</u>	<u>\$6</u>
8	<u>(12 years of age or older and under</u>	
10	<u>16 years of age)</u>	
12	<u>E. Three-day fishing license</u>	<u>\$20</u>
14	<u>(Resident or nonresident)</u>	
16	<u>F. Nonresident 7-day fishing license</u>	<u>\$31</u>
18	<u>(Valid for 7 days from date indicated</u>	
20	<u>on license)</u>	
22	<u>G. Nonresident 15-day fishing license</u>	<u>\$36</u>
24	<u>(Valid for 15 days from date indicated</u>	
26	<u>on license)</u>	
28	<u>H. Nonresident season fishing license</u>	<u>\$50</u>
30	<u>(16 years of age or older)</u>	
32	<u>I. Alien season fishing license</u>	<u>\$74</u>
34	<u>(16 years of age or older)</u>	
36	<u>J. One-day fishing license</u>	<u>\$6</u>
38	<u>(Resident or nonresident)</u>	
40	<u>(Valid for the date indicated on license)</u>	

30 **Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §7153, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 807,
 Pt. P, §12, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

32 **2. Fee.** The minimum fee for these permits is \$46.

34 **Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §7154, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 443,
 36 §15, is further amended to read:

38 **3. Fee.** The fee for a permit to conduct a one-day bass
 40 tournament is \$20 ~~\$24~~.

42 **Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §7171, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL
 1985, c. 607, §§3 and 9, is amended to read:

44 **3. Schedule of fees.** The schedule of fees is as follows:

46	A. Live bait retailer's license	\$10 <u>\$12</u>
48	B. Baitfish wholesaler's license	\$20 <u>\$24</u>
50	C. Smelt wholesaler's license	\$65 <u>\$78</u>

2 **Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §7201, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 807,
Pt. P, §15, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 2. Fee. The fee for a license to sell commercially grown
6 or imported fish is \$25.

8 **Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §7205, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 807,
Pt. P, §16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

10 2. Fee. The fee for a license to commercially cultivate or
12 harvest fish in private ponds is \$25.

14 **Sec. 20. 12 MRSA §7231, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 807,
Pt. P, §17, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

16 3. Fee. The fee for a wildlife exhibit permit is \$83.

18 **Sec. 21. 12 MRSA §7235, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 807,
20 Pt. P, §18, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

22 2. Fee. The fee for a breeder's license is \$23.

24 **Sec. 22. 12 MRSA §7311, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL
26 1989, c. 913, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

28 3. Fee. The fee for a 3-year guide license is \$75 \$90.

30 **Sec. 23. 12 MRSA §7311, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
742, §7, is repealed.

32 **Sec. 24. 12 MRSA §7322, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 742,
§7, is amended to read:

34 7. Fee. The initial qualifying fee for a trip leader
36 permit is \$14 \$15. The permit may be renewed upon by payment of
38 \$9 \$11 if requirements of the department are met.

40 **Sec. 25. 12 MRSA §7331, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 807,
Pt. P, §20, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

42 2. Fee. The fee for a special dog training area license is
44 \$25.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 Prior to July 1, 1990, the Department of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife received most of its funding from a dedicated
6 account consisting largely of fees collected from the sale of
hunting, trapping and fishing licenses.

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10 Currently, the department is funded from the General Fund.
However, when the department's funding mechanism was changed,
12 statutory language was included to ensure that the department
would always receive an annual appropriation from the General
14 Fund equal to or greater than the total amount of revenue
collected by the department during the course of the year. As a
16 result, any increase in hunting, trapping and fishing license
fees will provide an equivalent amount of additional funding for
the department in the ensuing year.

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20 The license fee increases associated with this bill will
generate an estimated \$2,300,000 in additional state revenue in
22 calendar year 1993. This additional revenue will be used by the
department to restore services that have been reduced or
24 eliminated as a result of the projected shortfall in General Fund
revenues over the next 2 years. These additional revenues will
26 help ensure continuation of the department to manage and protect
adequately the State's fish and wildlife resources.