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House of Representatives, February 9, 1993

An Act to Make the Minimum Age for a Muzzle-loading License the Same as the Minimum Age for a Hunting License.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTONDI of Athens.

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7107-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c.
443, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 1. Eligibility. The following provisions govern
8 eligibility for hunting with a muzzle-loader.

10 A. Any person 16 years of age or older at the beginning of
12 the special season established under subsection 4 may obtain
14 a muzzle-loading license from the commissioner or the
16 commissioner's authorized agent, provided that the person
18 possesses a valid license to hunt big game.

20 B. Any person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years
22 of age may obtain a muzzle-loading license from the
24 commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent,
26 provided that the person possesses a valid junior hunting
28 license.

30 C. No person 10 years of age or younger may hunt with a
32 muzzle-loader.

34 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7107-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

36 1-A. Form of license. The muzzle-loading hunting license
38 must be in the form of a stamp that must be affixed to the
40 person's big game hunting license or junior hunting license. The
42 stamp must bear the words "RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS."

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

34 This bill makes the minimum age for eligibility for a
36 muzzle-loading license to hunt deer the same as the minimum age
38 for a general hunting license: 10 years of age. This bill also
restructures the relevant provision of law for the purposes of
clarity.