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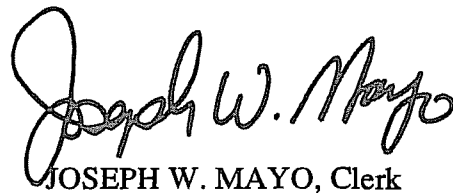
H.P. 327

House of Representatives, February 9, 1993

**An Act Concerning Registration Stations.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FARREN of Cherryfield, JACQUES of Waterville, LARRIVEE of Gorham, ROTONDI of Athens, TRACY of Rome, Senators: LUTHER of Oxford, O'DEA of Penobscot.

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

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4       Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§33-E is enacted to read:

6       33-E. Sporting goods store. "Sporting goods store" means a  
8       place of business primarily engaged in the retail sale of  
10       sporting supplies.

12       Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7451, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

14       G. The commissioner, upon receipt of an application, shall  
16       designate the owner of a sporting goods store as an agent of  
18       the department for the purpose of operating the store as a  
20       bear registration station if the store maintains an  
22       inventory of hunting and fishing supplies with a value of  
24       \$10,000 or more. The commissioner may not designate an  
26       applicant as an agent if the applicant has been convicted of  
28       a crime that is punishable by a jail sentence of one year or  
30       more or when the commissioner finds a reasonable basis for  
32       denial as set forth in rules adopted pursuant to this  
34       section.

36       Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§2, ¶E is enacted to read:

38       E. The commissioner, upon receipt of an application, shall  
40       designate the owner of a sporting goods store as an agent of  
42       the department for the purpose of operating the store as a  
44       deer registration station if the store maintains an  
46       inventory of hunting and fishing supplies with a value of  
48       \$10,000 or more. The commissioner may not designate an  
50       applicant as an agent if the applicant has been convicted of  
52       a crime that is punishable by a jail sentence of one year or  
      more or when the commissioner finds a reasonable basis for  
      denial as set forth in rules adopted pursuant to this  
      section.

      Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7463-A, sub-§10, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. The commissioner, upon receipt of an application, shall  
      designate the owner of a sporting goods store as an agent of  
      the department for the purpose of operating the store as a  
      moose registration station if the store maintains an  
      inventory of hunting and fishing supplies with a value of  
      \$10,000 or more. The commissioner may not designate an  
      applicant as an agent if the applicant has been convicted of  
      a crime that is punishable by a jail sentence of one year or  
      more or when the commissioner finds a reasonable basis for  
      denial as set forth in rules adopted pursuant to this  
      section.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and  
6 Wildlife, upon receipt of an application, to designate the owner  
8 of a sporting goods store as an agent of the department for the  
10 purpose of operating the store as a bear, deer or moose  
12 registration station if the store has an inventory of hunting and  
fishing supplies with a value of \$10,000 or more. It also  
requires the commissioner to refuse designation when the owner of  
a store has been convicted of a crime that is punishable by a  
jail sentence of one year or more or when the commissioner finds  
a reasonable basis for denial.