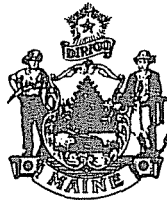


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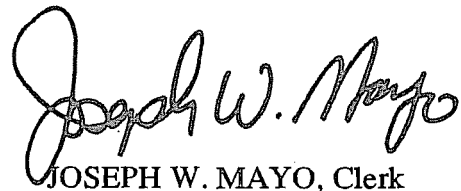
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H.P. 1030

House of Representatives, April 30, 1993

An Act to Strengthen the Landowner Relations Program.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative REED of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FOSS of Yarmouth, GREENLAW of Standish, JACQUES of Waterville, MARSH of West Gardiner, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

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4 **Sec. 1.** 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 441,
§1, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2.** 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

8 14. Landowner relations. The commissioner shall develop
10 and implement a Landowner Relations Program, referred to in this
12 chapter as the "program." This program is funded through
proceeds of the Landowner Relations Fund established under
section 7038.

14 A. The Landowner Relations Program must foster public use
16 of private land for hunting, fishing and trapping; promote
18 high standards of courtesy, respect and responsibility by
hunters, anglers and trappers for private lands; and prevent
abuse of private lands by hunters, anglers and trappers.

20 B. The program must include a matching grants component
22 open to local sporting organizations for their efforts to
24 foster the purposes of this program. The commissioner must
consider the matching grant component a priority in
developing a budget for the program.

26 **Sec. 3.** 12 MRSA §7038 is enacted to read:

28 §7038. Landowner Relations Fund

30 There is established a Landowner Relations Fund, referred to
32 in this chapter as the "fund," that is subject to the following
requirements:

34 1. Revenues. All proceeds from the sale of the landowner
36 relations stamps required under section 7075-A must be deposited
38 into the fund. The fund does not lapse and any interest earned
40 must be credited to the fund. Funds not currently needed for the
purposes of the Landowner Relations Program established under
section 7035, subsection 14 may be invested by the Secretary of
State as provided by law.

42 2. Restrictions. The fund is used only to further the
44 purposes of the Landowner Relations Program.

46 **Sec. 4.** 12 MRSA §7075-A is enacted to read:

48 §7075-A. Landowner relations stamp

50 In addition to the license requirements of this subpart, a
52 person who hunts, traps or fishes in the State must purchase a
landowner relations stamp. The fee for this stamp is \$5 for
residents, \$10 for nonresidents and aliens.

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Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Hunting without a landowner relations stamp. A person is guilty of hunting without a landowner relations stamp if that person:

A. Fails to keep the landowner relations stamp on that person's body while hunting or transporting animals or birds; or

B. Fails to exhibit that stamp to any warden, employee of the department, guide or landowner upon request.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7432, sub-§10-A is enacted to read:

10-A. Trapping without a landowner relations stamp. A person is guilty of trapping without a landowner relations stamp if that person:

A. Fails to keep the landowner relations stamp on that person's body while trapping or transporting animals or birds; or

B. Fails to exhibit the stamp to any warden, employee of the department, guide or landowner upon request.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §7624-A is enacted to read:

§7624-A. Fishing without a landowner relations stamp. A person is guilty of fishing without a landowner relations stamp if that person:

A. Fails to keep the landowner relations stamp on that person's body while fishing or transporting wild fish; or

B. Fails to exhibit the stamp to any warden, employee of the department, guide or landowner upon request.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes a funding mechanism for the Landowner Relations Program. It requires hunters, anglers and trappers to purchase a landowner relations stamp and to carry it on their persons while hunting, fishing or trapping. Proceeds from the sale of this stamp go to the newly created Landowner Relations Fund. The fund may be spent only to further the goals of the program. The program includes a matching grants component for local sporting organizations.