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No. 97

H.P. 61

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

An Act Requiring a Guide for Certain Nonresident Aliens Hunting in the State.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DESMOND of Mapleton,
DONNELLY of Presque Isle, DRISCOLL of Calais, GOULD of Greenville, JOY of Crystal,
KNEELAND of Easton, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, McELROY of Unity, O'NEAL of
Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, TREAT of Gardiner, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators:
KIEFFER of Aroostook, MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§17-B** is enacted to read:

6 17-B. Hunting without guide. A person commits the offense of hunting without a guide if that person:

8 A. Is a nonresident alien;

10 B. Is a resident of a state, province, country or district that requires residents of this State to be accompanied by a guide while hunting in that state, province, country or district; and

12 C. Hunts while not accompanied by a guide licensed pursuant to section 7311 or hunts accompanied by a licensed guide if the total number of clients of that guide during the hunt exceeds 3 persons.

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20 The commissioner, upon application of a nonresident alien for any license to hunt, shall make appropriate determinations with regard to the applicability of this subsection and, if this subsection applies, shall stamp any license issued to the applicant with the words "GUIDE REQUIRED."

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26 This subsection takes effect January 1, 1996. This subsection is repealed January 1, 1998.

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30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 Under this bill a nonresident alien who is a resident of any state, province, country or district that requires residents of this State to be accompanied by a guide when hunting in that state, province, country or district is required to be accompanied by a guide while hunting in this State. Persons who fall within this requirement may jointly hire a guide, provided that the total number of clients for any one guide does not exceed 3 persons. This requirement takes effect January 1, 1996 and is repealed January 1, 1998.

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42 Violation of this requirement is a Class E crime.