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H.P. 171

House of Representatives, January 24, 1995

**An Act to Allow Maine Residents over 70 Years of Age to Hunt
Antlerless Deer.**

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 STEDMAN of Hartland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, CLUKEY of Houlton, JONES of
Pittsfield, JOY of Crystal, LABRECQUE of Gorham, PENDLETON of Scarborough,
POIRIER of Saco, TUFTS of Stockton Springs.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 24,
4 §1 and affected by §7 and amended by c. 574, §7, is repealed and
6 the following enacted in its place:

8 1. Residents over 70 years of age. A complimentary license
10 to hunt, trap or fish, including an archery license under section
12 7102, a pheasant hunting permit under section 7106-A, a
14 muzzle-loading hunting license under section 7107-A and a permit
16 to hunt antlerless deer under section 7457, must be issued to any
18 resident of Maine who is 70 years of age or older upon
20 application to the commissioner. These complimentary licenses,
22 upon issuance, remain valid for the remainder of the life of the
24 license holder, as long as the license holder continues to
26 satisfy the residency requirements set out in section 7001,
28 subsection 32 and as long as the license is not revoked or
30 suspended. Residents who apply for these complimentary licenses
32 at any time during the calendar year of their 70th birthday must
34 be issued a license upon application, regardless of the actual
36 date during that calendar year in which they attain age 70. A
38 guide license may be renewed without charge for any resident of
40 Maine who is 70 years of age or older upon application to the
 commissioner. The application must be accompanied by a birth
 certificate or other certified evidence of the applicant's date
 of birth and residency. When the holder of a license issued
 under this subsection no longer satisfies the residency
 requirements set out in section 7001, subsection 32, the license
 is no longer valid and further use of the license for purposes of
 hunting, fishing or trapping constitutes a license violation
 under section 7371, subsection 3.

STATEMENT OF FACT

36 This bill allows residents over 70 years of age to hunt
38 antlerless deer without a permit. The bill also corrects a
40 conflict that was created by Public Law 1993, chapters 24 and
 574, which amended the same section without making reference to
 the other chapter.