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H.P. 764

House of Representatives, March 28, 1995

**An Act Ensuring Fairness in the Distribution of Hunting Licenses by
Allowing Out-of-state Landowners in Maine to Pay Reduced Hunting
License Fees.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, BUCK of Yarmouth, BUNKER
of Kossuth Township, CLARK of Millinocket, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WATERHOUSE
of Bridgton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§30-A** is enacted to read:

4 **30-A. Quasiresident.** "Quasiresident" means a citizen or
6 the family of a citizen of the United States who pays property
8 tax on property owned in this State and who does not fall within
the definition of resident in subsection 32.

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7071, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

12 **10. Quasiresidents.** Any quasiresident is eligible for any
14 quasiresident license or permit under this chapter.

16 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7073, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 304,
§4, is further amended to read:

18 **3. Proof of residency or quasiresidency.** The applicant is
20 responsible for submitting proof of residency or quasiresidency
22 to the agent or the department, or both. Resident or
24 quasiresident licenses issued to persons who were unable to meet
the residency or quasiresidency requirements at the time the
license was issued are invalid and shall must be returned to the
commissioner upon request.

26 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7073, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 419,
§2, is further amended to read:

28 **5. Duplicates.** The commissioner's appointed agents shall
30 issue a duplicate license or permit to any resident or
32 quasiresident who has accidentally lost or destroyed any license
or permit issued to that person under this chapter upon payment
34 of a fee of \$1 for 1993 and \$2 for 1994 and every year
thereafter, all of which must be retained by the clerk or agent.
The agent or clerk who issued the original license or permit
36 shall issue duplicates to residents or quasiresidents. The
department shall issue duplicates to nonresidents who have lost
38 or destroyed any license or permit upon payment of a fee of \$1
for 1993 and \$2 for 1994 and every year thereafter.

40 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§1, ¶A.** as enacted by PL 1979, c.
42 420, §1, is amended to read:

44 A. Any resident, quasiresident or nonresident over 10 years
46 of age may obtain a written license to hunt wild animals and
wild birds from the commissioner or his an authorized agent.
48 No resident, quasiresident or nonresident under 10 years of
age may hunt wild animals or wild birds with firearms at any
50 time.

52 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§3, ¶D** is enacted to read:

2 D. An applicant may obtain a quasiresident license only
3 from the clerk or agent in the town in which the applicant
4 pays property taxes. An applicant who pays property taxes
5 in an unorganized territory may obtain a quasiresident
6 license from the clerk or agent in the nearest town.

7 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§5, ¶N** is enacted to read:

8 N. Quasiresident small game
9 hunting license (Permits hunting
10 of all legal species except deer,
11 bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and
12 bobcat) \$45

13 **Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 742,
14 §5, is further amended to read:

15 **7. Restrictions.** Any resident, quasiresident or
16 nonresident hunter 10 years of age or older and under 16 may
17 hunt with firearms only in the presence of his the hunter's
18 parent or guardian or of a person, at least 18 years of age,
19 approved by his the hunter's parent or guardian. That presence
20 must be unaided by visual or audio enhancement devices,
21 including binoculars and citizen band radios.

22 **Sec. 9. Effective date.** This Act is effective for hunting
23 licenses issued for calendar year 1996 and beyond.

STATEMENT OF FACT

24 **30**
25 This bill allows those persons who are not residents of the
26 State but pay property taxes to the State to purchase a small
27 game hunting license for a fee less than that charged a
28 nonresident who does not pay property taxes in Maine.
29 **34**