

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 149

House of Representatives, January 16, 1997

An Act to Require 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: DRISCOLL of Calais, JONES of Greenville, O'NEAL of Limestone,
SANBORN of Alton, SIROIS of Caribou, THOMPSON of Naples.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§22** is enacted to read:

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

8 A. Is a nonresident alien; and

10 B. 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.

14 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."

22 **SUMMARY**

24 Under this bill a nonresident alien 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.

30 Violation of this requirement is a Class E crime by operation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7901.