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No. 403

S.P. 124

In Senate, January 23, 1997

An Act to Offer a Free Subsistence Fishing License to Persons 70 Years of Age or Older.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland.

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6310 is enacted to read:
§6310. Complimentary subsistence fishing license to persons 70
years of age or older
1. License. Notwithstanding any other provision under this
Part, the commissioner may issue a complimentary subsistence
fishing license to a person 70 years of age or older. A person
issued a subsistence fishing license may engage in the activities
authorized under this section.
2. Licensed activities. The holder of a subsistence
fishing license may fish for, take, possess and transport for
personal use only marine organisms permitted to be harvested
under a license issued in this Part if the person held at any
time in the past a license or licenses that authorized the
harvesting of those marine organisms. The commissioner shall
designate on a subsistence fishing license those marine organisms
that the license holder may harvest.
3. Documentation. An applicant for a subsistence fishing
license must provide a birth certificate or other evidence of the
applicant's birth to the commissioner and documentation that the
applicant has held a license authorizing harvesting activities
for which the applicant seeks to be licensed under this section.
4. Application. The commissioner shall issue a subsistence
fishing license to a person who applies for the license any time
during the calendar year in which that person attains 70 years of
age and who meets the documentation requirements of subsection 3,
regardless of the actual date of birth of that person during that
calendar year.
5. Application limitations. Except as provided in this
section, a person who holds a subsistence fishing license is
subject to and must comply with all other applicable laws or
rules governing the harvesting of marine organisms.
6. Duration of license. A subsistence fishing license
remains valid for the remainder of the life of the license holder
unless the license is suspended or revoked.
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SUMMARY

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This bill creates a complimentary subsistence fishing license for coastal waters for people 70 years of age or older. It allows a license holder to fish for any marine organism for which the license holder had been licensed to harvest at any time

in the past and for which the Department of Marine Resources 2 issues a license. A license holder may only harvest marine organisms for personal use and may not sell the organisms.