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No. 439

H.P. 317

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Hunting Licenses for Residents
70 Years of Age and Older.**

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 WHEELER of Eliot.
Cosponsored by Representatives: SKOGLUND of St. George, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland and
President LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, KANE of Saco,
LEMONT of Kittery, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SAMSON of Jay, WRIGHT of
Berwick.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL
4 1995, c. 462, Pt. A, §33, is amended to read:

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27 in section 7001, subsection 32, the license is no longer valid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

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33 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill allows residents 70 years of age and older to hunt
35 antlerless deer without a permit.
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