

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1289

S.P. 392

In Senate, February 27, 1997

An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws As They Pertain to Proof of Prior Hunting License in Order to Be Exempt from Taking a Hunter Safety Course.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and
Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford, Representative: TRIPP of
Topsham.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7071, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 270,
§§3 and 4, is amended to read:

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7. **Hunter safety course.** Any person who applies for a
Maine license to hunt with firearms, other than a juvenile
license, shall submit proof of having successfully completed a
hunter safety course as provided in section 7035, an equivalent
hunter safety course or satisfactory evidence of having
previously held an adult license to hunt with firearms in this
State or any other state, province or country ~~in--any--year~~
~~beginning-with-1976.~~

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When proof of competency ~~cannot~~ can not otherwise be provided,
the person may substitute a signed affidavit that ~~he~~ the person
has previously held the required adult hunting license or ~~that-he~~
has successfully completed the required hunter safety course.

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SUMMARY

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This bill recognizes a prior hunting license, regardless of
the year issued, as proof of competency in obtaining a Maine
license.