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An Act to Reduce the Age at which a Maine Citizen May Obtain a Free Fishing and Hunting License and to Provide Free Licenses for Military Personnel.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACOBS of Turner. Cosponsored by Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, GOODWIN of Pembroke, HEIDRICH of Oxford, O'NEAL of Limestone, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TUTTLE of Sanford, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 462, Pt.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

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6 1. Residents over 65 years of age. A complimentary license to hunt, trap or fish, including an archery license under section 8 7102-A, a pheasant hunting permit under section 7106-B and a muzzle-loading hunting license under section 7107-A, must be issued to any resident of Maine who is 70 65 years of age or 10 older upon application to the commissioner. These complimentary licenses, upon issuance, remain valid for the remainder of the 12 life of the license holder, provided the license holder continues to satisfy the residency requirements set out in section 7001, 14 subsection 32 and provided the license is not revoked or Residents who apply for these complimentary licenses 16 suspended. at any time during the calendar year of their 79th 65th birthday must be issued a license upon application, regardless of the 18 actual date during that calendar year in which they attain age 70 20 65. A guide license may be renewed without charge for any resident of Maine who is 70 65 years of age or older upon 22 application to the commissioner. The application must be accompanied by a birth certificate or other certified evidence of 24 the applicant's date of birth and residency. When the holder of a license issued under this subsection no longer satisfies the 26 residency requirements set out in section 7001, subsection 32, the license is no longer valid and further use of the license for 28 purposes of hunting, fishing or trapping constitutes a license violation under section 7371, subsection 3. 30

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Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§6-B is enacted to read:

6-B. Active military service. A complimentary combination fishing and hunting license must be issued to a resident who is 34 in active military service upon proof that that person is a resident of this State and is in active military service. The 36 license is valid during the year of issue. 38

SUMMARY

This bill allows a resident of the State who is 65 years of 44 age or older to receive a free hunting and fishing license. The bill also allows a person who is in active military service to 46 receive a free hunting and fishing license.