

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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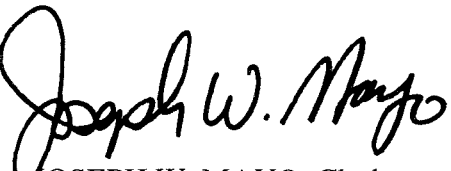
H.P. 1227

House of Representatives, March 9, 1999

**An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Offer an Annual License Instead of a Lifetime License.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 462, Pt.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

1. Guide license for resident who is 70 years of age or older. ~~A complimentary license to hunt, trap or fish, including an archery license under section 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 years of age or older upon application to the commissioner. These complimentary licenses, upon issuance, remain valid for the remainder of the life of the license holder, provided the license holder continues to satisfy the residency requirements set out in section 7001, subsection 32 and provided the license is not revoked or suspended. Residents who apply for these complimentary licenses at any time during the calendar year of their 70th birthday must be issued a license upon application, regardless of the actual date during that calendar year in which they attain age 70.~~ A guide license may be renewed without charge for any resident of Maine who is 70 years of age or older upon application to the commissioner. The application must be accompanied by a birth certificate or other certified evidence of the applicant's date of birth and residency. When the holder of a license issued under this subsection no longer satisfies the residency requirements set out in section 7001, subsection 32, the license is no longer valid and further use of the license for purposes of hunting, fishing or trapping constitutes a license violation under section 7371, subsection 3.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. License to hunt, trap or fish; resident 70 years of age or older. A resident 70 years of age or older who holds a valid complimentary license to hunt, trap or fish on the effective date of this subsection retains the rights under that license provided the license holder continues to satisfy the residency requirements set out in section 7001, subsection 32 and provided the license is not revoked or suspended.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§5, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 419, §5, is amended to read:

B. Resident hunting license				
(16 years of age or older)	\$15	\$17	\$18	\$19
<u>(65 years of age or older)</u>				<u>\$5</u>

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7151, sub-§5, ¶¶A, B and C, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 419, §13, are amended to read:

A. Resident fishing license

2	(16 years of age or older)	\$15	\$17	\$18	\$19
	<u>(65 years of age or older)</u>				<u>\$5</u>
4	B. Resident combination				
	hunting and fishing license	\$28	\$32	\$34	\$36
6	<u>(65 years of age or older)</u>				<u>\$8</u>
8	C. Resident combination				
	archery hunting and fishing				
10	license	\$28	\$32	\$34	\$36
12	<u>(65 years of age or older)</u>				<u>\$8</u>

**SUMMARY**

16 This bill repeals the provisions for a complimentary hunting  
18 and fishing license for a resident 70 years of age or older and  
20 provides reduced fees for a resident 65 years of age or older. A  
22 resident who holds a complimentary license on the effective date  
of changes made by this bill is not affected.