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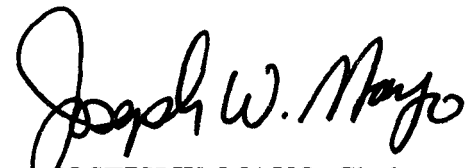
H.P. 1924

House of Representatives, April 3, 2000

An Act Regarding Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses.

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative DUNLAP for the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1866.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, the Legislature wishes to extend the opportunity to
purchase lifetime hunting and fishing licenses to persons from 6
to 15 years of age; and

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10 Whereas, those licenses will be available by January 1,
2001; and

12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7161, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 679,
§1, is amended to read:

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24 **1. Infants and seniors.** The following resident lifetime
licenses may be purchased ~~on-and-after-January-1,-2000:~~

26 A. For a resident who is less than 6 years of age:

28 (1) A An infant resident lifetime ~~infant~~ fishing
license. The fee for a an infant resident lifetime
30 ~~infant~~ fishing license is \$150;

32 (2) A An infant resident lifetime ~~infant~~ hunting
license. The fee for a an infant resident lifetime
34 ~~infant~~ hunting license is \$150; and

36 (3) A An infant resident combination lifetime ~~infant~~
fishing and hunting license. The fee for a an infant
38 resident combination lifetime ~~infant~~ fishing and
hunting license is \$250; and

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42 ~~B.-For-a-resident-who-is-65-years-of-age-or-older:~~

44 ~~(1)-A-resident-lifetime-senior-fishing-license---The~~
~~fee-for-a-resident-lifetime-senior-fishing-license-is~~
46 ~~\$50;~~

48 ~~(2)-A-resident-lifetime-senior-hunting-license---The~~
~~fee-for-a-resident-lifetime-senior-hunting-license-is~~
~~\$50;-and~~

2 ~~(3) A resident combination lifetime senior fishing and~~
3 ~~hunting license. The fee for a resident combination~~
4 ~~lifetime senior fishing and hunting license is \$80.~~

6 C. For a resident from 6 to 15 years of age:

8 (1) A junior resident lifetime fishing license. The
9 fee for a junior resident lifetime fishing license is
10 \$300;

12 (2) A junior resident lifetime hunting license. The
13 fee for a junior resident lifetime hunting license is
14 \$300; and

16 (3) A junior resident lifetime combination fishing and
17 hunting license. The fee for a junior resident
18 lifetime combination fishing and hunting license is
19 \$500.

20 A license under this paragraph may only be purchased on or
21 after January 1, 2001; and

24 D. For a resident from 65 to 69 years of age:

26 (1) A senior resident lifetime fishing license. The
27 fee for a senior resident lifetime fishing license is
28 \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year
29 in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a
30 person who purchases the license in the year in which
31 that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who
32 purchases the license in the year in which that person
33 turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases
34 the license in the year in which that person turns 68
35 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the
36 license in the year in which that person turns 69 years
37 of age;

38 (2) A senior resident lifetime hunting license. The
39 fee for a senior resident lifetime hunting license is
40 \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year
41 in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a
42 person who purchases the license in the year in which
43 that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who
44 purchases the license in the year in which that person
45 turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases
46 the license in the year in which that person turns 68
47 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the
48 license in the year in which that person turns 69 years
49 of age; and

2 (3) A senior resident combination lifetime fishing and
3 hunting license. The fee for a senior resident
4 combination lifetime fishing and hunting license is \$80
5 for a person who purchases the license in the year in
6 which that person turns 65 years of age, \$64 for a
7 person who purchases the license in the year in which
8 that person turns 66 years of age, \$48 for a person who
9 purchases the license in the year in which that person
10 turns 67 years of age, \$32 for a person who purchases
11 the license in the year in which that person turns 68
12 years of age and \$16 for a person who purchases the
13 license in the year in which that person turns 69 years
14 of age.

15 A person who is 70 years of age or older is entitled to
16 receive a complimentary lifetime license under section 7076,
17 subsection 1.

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19 **Sec. 2. Adult lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.** Adult resident
20 lifetime hunting and fishing licenses and adult resident
21 combination hunting and fishing licenses must be available on and
22 after January 1, 2006 to residents from 16 to 64 years of age.
23 In January of 2005, the Department of Inland Fisheries and
24 Wildlife shall submit its recommendations on the fees for such
25 licenses to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
26 having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.
27 Those recommendations may include different fees for different
28 adult age groups and must include recommendations on fees for an
29 optional adult supersport lifetime hunting and fishing licenses
30 for each recommended age group. The joint standing committee of
31 the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and
32 wildlife matters may report out a bill to the First Regular
33 Session of the 122nd Legislature to implement a fee structure for
34 adult lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

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36 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
37 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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39 **40** **2000-01**

41 **42 INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,**
42 **43 DEPARTMENT OF**

43 **44 Savings Fund Program**

44 45 All Other \$55,250

46 47 Appropriates funds to be used

only to avoid future license
fee increases.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

FISCAL NOTE

2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$55,250

REVENUES

General Fund \$55,250

The establishment of certain lifetime hunting and fishing
licenses will increase General Fund revenue collected by the
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by \$55,250 in fiscal
year 2000-01. The estimated future increase is \$110,500 for each
of fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03. The bill includes an
additional General Fund appropriation of \$55,250 in fiscal year
2000-01 to meet the constitutional requirement that
appropriations to the department are at least equal to the
undedicated revenues collected by the department.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur
some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the
Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's
existing budgeted resources.

SUMMARY

This bill is reported out unanimously by the Joint Standing
Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to House
Paper 1866.

The bill makes lifetime hunting and fishing licenses
available in January of 2001 for residents from 6 to 15 years of
age, inclusive. The bill also creates a sliding scale fee for
the existing senior lifetime licenses and clarifies that persons
70 years of age or older remain entitled to a complimentary
lifetime hunting and fishing license.

The bill also requires that adult lifetime hunting and
fishing licenses be available in January of 2006 for persons from
16 to 64 years of age and requires the Department of Inland

2 Fisheries and Wildlife to submit its recommendations for a fee
structure for such licenses to the joint standing committee of
4 the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and
wildlife matters in January of 2005. That committee may then
6 report out a bill to the first regular session of the 122nd
Legislature to implement a fee structure for the adult lifetime
hunting and fishing licenses.