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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 579, L.D. 734, Bill, "An Act to Discontinue Complimentary Licenses to Hunt and Fish for Residents over 70 Years of Age"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Concerning Lifetime Licenses and Complimentary Licenses for Residents over 70 Years of Age'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7161, sub-§1, ¶¶C and D, as amended by PL 2001, c. 37, §1, are further amended to read:

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

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

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

(2-A) A junior resident lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for a junior resident lifetime archery hunting license is \$300;

(3) A junior resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses. The fee for a junior resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses is \$500; and

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(4) A junior resident combination of all 3 lifetime licenses. The fee for a junior resident combination of all 3 lifetime licenses is \$800.

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

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

(1) A senior resident lifetime fishing license. The fee for a senior resident lifetime fishing license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age;

(2) A senior resident lifetime hunting license. The fee for a senior resident lifetime hunting license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age;

(2-A) A senior resident lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for a senior resident lifetime archery hunting license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age;

(3) A senior resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses. The fee for a senior resident combination of

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2 any 2 lifetime licenses is \$80 for a person who
3 purchases the license in the year in which that person
4 turns 65 years of age, \$64 for a person who purchases
5 the license in the year in which that person turns 66
6 years of age, \$48 for a person who purchases the
7 license in the year in which that person turns 67 years
8 of age, \$32 for a person who purchases the license in
9 the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and
10 \$16 for a person who purchases the license in the year
11 in which that person turns 69 years of age; and

12 (4) A senior resident combination of all 3 lifetime
13 licenses. The fee for a senior resident combination of
14 all 3 lifetime licenses is \$110 for a person who
15 purchases the license in the year in which that person
16 turns 65 years of age, \$94 for a person who purchases
17 the license in the year in which that person turns 66
18 years of age, \$78 for a person who purchases the
19 license in the year in which that person turns 67 years
20 of age, \$62 for a person who purchases the license in
21 the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and
22 \$46 for a person who purchases the license in the year
23 in which that person turns 69 years of age; and

24 ~~A person who is 70 years of age or older is entitled to~~
25 ~~receive a complimentary lifetime license under section 7076,~~
26 ~~subsection 1.~~

28 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7161, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

30 E. For a resident 70 years of age or older. A person who
31 holds a valid senior lifetime license under this section
32 upon turning 70 years of age may obtain at no cost a hunting
33 license, fishing license, trapping license, archery license
34 under section 7102-A or 7102-B, a pheasant hunting permit
35 under section 7106-B, a muzzle-loading hunting license under
36 section 7107-A, a migratory waterfowl permit under section
37 7109, a bear hunting permit under section 7110 and renew a
38 guide license under section 7311. A person who is 70 years
39 of age or older may purchase a senior lifetime license that
40 entitles the holder to all the privileges described in this
41 paragraph for a one-time \$8 fee.'
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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

Allowing residents over the age of 70 years to purchase lifetime hunting and fishing licenses will result in insignificant increases of General Fund revenue from license fees.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland and Fisheries and Wildlife and provides the holder of a senior lifetime license who turns 70 years of age to privileges extended under a complimentary license. Additionally, the amendment allows a person 70 years of age or older who does not hold a senior lifetime license to purchase one that includes all of the additional privileges for \$8.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.