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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1432, L.D. 1929, Bill, "An Act to Stabilize the Funding of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"

Amend the amendment by inserting before section 1 the following:

'PART A'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 19 the following:

'PART B'

Sec. B-1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 351, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Residents over 70 years of age. A complimentary license to hunt, trap or fish, including an archery license under section 7102-A ~~or~~ 7102-B, a pheasant hunting permit under section 7106-B, a muzzle-loading hunting license under section 7107-A, a migratory waterfowl permit under section 7109 and a bear hunting permit under section 7110 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

2 the license is not revoked or suspended. Residents who apply for
 4 these complimentary licenses at any time during the calendar year
 6 of their 70th birthday must be issued a license upon application,
 8 regardless of the actual date during that calendar year in which
 10 they attain age 70. A guide license may be renewed without
 12 charge for any resident of Maine who is 70 years of age or older
 14 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 the license is no longer valid and further use of the license for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.

16 Beginning January 1, 2006, the department may not issue a
 18 complimentary license to a resident over 70 years of age. A
 20 complimentary license issued to a resident over 70 years of age
 22 prior to January 1, 2006 is valid as long as the holder of the
 license satisfies the residency requirements set out in section
 7001, subsection 32.

24 **Sec. B-2. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§4-B,** as amended by PL 2001, c.
 307, §4, is further amended to read:

26 **4-B. Resident disabled veteran.** A resident disabled
 28 veteran may apply to the commissioner for one or more of the
 following complimentary permits and licenses: a license to hunt
 with a firearm, a license to trap, a license to fish, archery
 30 hunting licenses as provided in ~~sections~~ section 7102-A and
 7102-B, a pheasant hunting permit as provided in section 7106-B
 32 and a muzzle-loading hunting license as provided in section
 7107-A. The commissioner shall issue the permit, license or
 34 licenses requested under this subsection if the commissioner
 determines the applicant is a resident disabled veteran and is
 36 not otherwise ineligible to hold that permit or license. For the
 purposes of this subsection, "resident disabled veteran" means a
 38 person who:

- 40 A. Is a resident as defined in section 7001, subsection 32;
- 42 B. Is a veteran as defined in Title 37-B, section 505,
 subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraph (5); and
- 44 C. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at:
- 46 (1) One hundred percent; or
- 48 (2) Seventy percent or more as a result of honorable
 50 military service and who has served in a combat zone

2 during any armed conflict in which participants were
3 exposed to war risk hazards as defined in 42 United
4 States Code, Section 1711 (b).

6 Each application must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence
7 that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection. A
8 permit or license issued under this subsection remains valid for
9 the life of the permit or license holder, as long as the permit
10 or license holder continues to satisfy the residency requirement
11 in section 7001, subsection 32 and the permit or license is not
12 revoked or suspended.

14 **Sec. B-3. 12 MRSA §7102-B**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 16, Pt.
15 G, §§1 to 4 and c. 403, §7, is repealed.

16 **Sec. B-4. 12 MRSA §7161, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2001, c.
17 351, §3, is amended to read:

18 E. For a resident 70 years of age or older. A person who
19 holds a valid senior lifetime license under this section
20 upon turning 70 years of age may obtain at no cost a hunting
21 license, fishing license, trapping license, archery license
22 under section 7102-A or ~~7102-B~~, a pheasant hunting permit
23 under section 7106-B, a muzzle-loading hunting license under
24 section 7107-A, a migratory waterfowl permit under section
25 7109, a bear hunting permit under section 7110 and renew a
26 guide license under section 7311. A person who is 70 years
27 of age or older may purchase a senior lifetime license that
28 entitles the holder to all the privileges described in this
29 paragraph for a one-time \$8 fee.

32 **Sec. B-5. Effective date.** This Part takes effect January 1,
33 2003.'

34 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
35 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
36 consecutively.

38 FISCAL NOTE

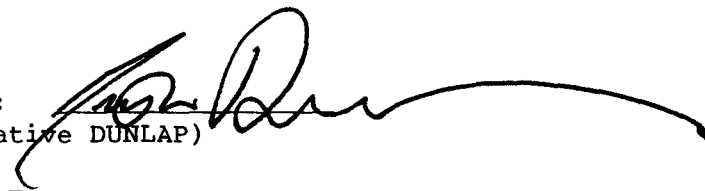
40 This amendment includes provisions to repeal the expanded
41 archery season. Because these provisions were inadvertently
42 omitted from the final committee amendment, the fiscal note for
43 the committee amendment assumed that the repeal of these
44 provisions was included as intended. The loss of \$210,000 in
45 yearly General Fund revenues that is associated with the repeal
46 of the expanded archery season is already included in the fiscal
47 note to the committee amendment and is reflected in the net
48 revenue increase of \$824,520 in General Fund revenues beginning

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in fiscal year 2003-04. Therefore, this amendment has no
additional fiscal impact.

SUMMARY

This amendment repeals the expanded archery season and
corresponding cross-references. These changes were intended by
the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to
be included in the amendment to L.D. 1929 but were inadvertently
omitted. These changes take effect January 1, 2003.

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