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House of Representatives, January 4, 2006

An Act To Make License Requirements and Rules Consistent for Young Anglers

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered
printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRYANT of Windham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, CARR of Lincoln, CUMMINGS of Portland, DUPLESSIE
of Westbrook, HOTHAM of Dixfield, PATRICK of Rumford, Senators: DAMON of Hancock,
DIAMOND of Cumberland, MAYO of Sagadahoc.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12455, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

Rules adopted by the commissioner that set forth the special fishing regulations for inland waters of the State must include a list of waters where a person under ~~12~~ 16 years of age may fish with a single-baited hook and line.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

B. A nonresident fishing license to a nonresident ~~12~~ 16 years of age or older.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §24, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §12503, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

1. Resident or nonresident under 16. A resident or nonresident under 16 years of age ~~and--a--nonresident--under--12 years-of-age~~ may fish without a license.

SUMMARY

This bill makes the age requirement for young anglers the same for nonresidents and residents: no license is required for an angler under 16 years of age. This bill conforms with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's efforts to make rules for fishing consistent.