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An Act Concerning Certain Hunting License Fees and Antlerless Deer Permits

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Representatives: JACKSON of Allagash, McLEOD of Lee, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Greenville, ROBINSON of Raymond, SYKES of Harrison, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 **1. Residents over 70 years of age.** A complimentary license to hunt, trap or fish,
5 including an archery hunting license under section 11109, subsection 7, a pheasant
6 hunting permit under section 11156, a muzzle-loading hunting license under section
7 11109, subsection 4, a migratory waterfowl permit under section 11157 and a bear
8 hunting permit under section 11151 ~~must be~~, issued to a resident who is 70 years of age
9 or older ~~upon application to the commissioner~~ remains valid for the remainder of the life
10 of the license or permit holder as long as the license or permit holder continues to satisfy
11 the residency requirements set out in section 10001, subsection 53 and the license or
12 permit is not revoked or suspended.

13 ~~A.—A resident who applies for a complimentary license under this section at any~~
14 ~~time during the calendar year of that resident's 70th birthday must be issued a license~~
15 ~~upon application, regardless of the actual date during that calendar year in which that~~
16 ~~resident attains 70 years of age. A guide license may be renewed without charge for~~
17 ~~a resident who is 70 years of age or older upon application to the commissioner. The~~
18 ~~application must be accompanied by a birth certificate or other certified evidence of~~
19 ~~the applicant's date of birth and residency.~~

20 ~~B.—Beginning January 1, 2006, the department may not issue a complimentary~~
21 ~~license to a resident over 70 years of age. A complimentary license issued to a~~
22 ~~resident over 70 years of age prior to January 1, 2006 is valid as long as the license~~
23 ~~holder satisfies the residency requirements set out in section 10001, subsection 53.~~

24 ~~C.—A complimentary license issued under this subsection remains valid for the~~
25 ~~remainder of the life of the license holder, as long as the license holder continues to~~
26 ~~satisfy the residency requirements set out in section 10001, subsection 53 and the~~
27 ~~license is not revoked or suspended.~~

28 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

29 **1-B. Residents 65 years of age or older.** A resident who is 65 years of age or older
30 who has purchased a Maine hunting license for 10 years or more may apply to the
31 commissioner for one or more of the following complimentary licenses or permits: a
32 license to hunt with a firearm; an archery hunting license under section 11109, subsection
33 7; a pheasant hunting permit under section 11156; a muzzle-loading hunting permit under
34 section 11109, subsection 4; a migratory waterfowl permit under section 11157; a bear
35 hunting permit under section 11151; an antlerless deer hunting permit under section
36 11152; and a wild turkey hunting permit under section 11155. The commissioner shall
37 issue the license or permit requested under this subsection if the commissioner determines
38 that the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection and is not otherwise ineligible
39 to hold that permit or license.

40 A. A resident who applies for a complimentary license or permit under this
41 subsection at any time during the calendar year of that resident's 65th birthday may
42 be issued that license or permit regardless of the actual date during that calendar year

1 in which the resident attains 65 years of age. The application must be accompanied
2 by a birth certificate or other certified evidence of the applicant's date of birth, proof
3 of residency and satisfactory proof that the applicant has purchased a Maine hunting
4 license for 10 years or more.

5 B. Complimentary licenses and permits issued under this subsection remain valid for
6 the remainder of the life of the license or permit holder as long as that person
7 continues to satisfy the residency requirements set out in section 10001, subsection
8 53 and the license or permit is not revoked or suspended.

9 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§6-A** is enacted to read:

10 **6-A. Veterans honorably discharged.** An honorably discharged resident veteran
11 who has purchased a Maine hunting license for 10 years or more may apply to the
12 commissioner for one or more of the following complimentary licenses and permits: a
13 license to hunt with a firearm; an archery hunting license under section 11109, subsection
14 7; a pheasant hunting permit under section 11156; a muzzle-loading hunting permit under
15 section 11109, subsection 4; a migratory waterfowl permit under section 11157; a bear
16 hunting permit under section 11151; and a wild turkey hunting permit under section
17 11155. The commissioner shall issue a license or permit requested under this subsection
18 if the commissioner determines that the applicant meets the requirements of this
19 subsection and is not otherwise ineligible to hold that permit or license.

20 A. Each application must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant
21 meets the requirements of this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection,
22 "resident veteran" means a person who is a resident as defined in section 10001,
23 subsection 53 and served in the United States Armed Forces.

24 B. A permit or license issued under this subsection remains valid for the life of the
25 permit or license holder as long as the permit or license holder continues to satisfy the
26 residency requirement in section 10001, subsection 53 and the permit or license is not
27 revoked or suspended.

28 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §4,
29 is further amended to read:

30 A. A resident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and under
31 16 years of age, is \$7. For a person under 16 years of age who is purchasing this
32 license at the same time as that person's parent or legal guardian is purchasing
33 another hunting license under this section, the fee is \$5.

34 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

35 **8. Purchase of unallocated antlerless deer permits.** An antlerless deer permit
36 system adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section must include a provision
37 that a person who applied for and is eligible to receive a permit under this section but did
38 not receive a permit through the permit system may, if permits are available, purchase a
39 permit that was not originally allocated through the permit system for that year. The fee
40 for the permit is \$100.

SUMMARY

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2 This bill provides complimentary hunting licenses and permits to residents 65 years
3 of age or older and honorably discharged veterans if they have purchased a Maine
4 hunting license for at least 10 years. It provides that a person who applied for but did not
5 receive an antlerless deer permit through the lottery system may purchase an antlerless
6 deer permit that was not otherwise allocated through the lottery system for a fee of \$100.
7 This bill also lowers the fee for a junior resident hunting license from \$7 to \$5 if a person
8 under 16 years of age purchases the license at the same time that person's parent or
9 guardian purchases a hunting license. It also removes antiquated language regarding
10 complimentary licenses for residents over 70 years of age.