

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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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: CARTER of Bethel, EBERLE of South Portland, JACKSON of Allagash,  
PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of  
Greenville.

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

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

4 **§12455. List of waters where children may fish with single-baited hook and line**

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

8 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12458, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
9 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

10 **1. Aroostook River.** A person ~~12~~ 16 years of age or younger may fish from shore  
11 with a single-baited hook and line on the following areas of the Aroostook River during  
12 the open-water fishing season:

13 A. In the Town of Caribou, from and including Otter Brook upstream to the Maine  
14 Public Service Company dam, including all tributaries in this section upstream to the  
15 first highway bridge intersecting each tributary; and

16 B. In the Town of Fort Fairfield, from and including Pattee Brook upstream to  
17 Hockenhull Brook, including all tributaries in this section upstream to the first  
18 highway bridge intersecting the tributary.

19 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
20 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

21 A. A resident fishing license to a resident 16 years of age or older; ~~and~~.

22 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
23 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

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25 affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

26 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§6, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III,  
27 §24, is repealed.

28 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §12503, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
29 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

30 **1. Resident and nonresident under 16.** A resident and a nonresident under 16  
31 years of age ~~and a nonresident under 12 years of age~~ may fish without a license.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill makes age requirements for nonresident youth anglers consistent with  
34 resident anglers. No license is required until reaching 16 years of age.