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An Act To Establish the Coyote Award Program

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10108-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§10108-A. Coyote award program**

4 **1. Award program established.** The commissioner shall by rule establish a coyote
5 award program for coyotes killed in the State. The program must pay an individual the
6 sum of \$25 per coyote killed.

7 **2. Payment.** At the conclusion of the program, the commissioner shall pay from the
8 funds derived from the sale of hunting licenses to the individual an amount equal to the
9 award set out in subsection 1.

10 **3. Application.** The commissioner may establish by rule procedures for applications
11 for awards and for certification of the number, sex and size of coyotes killed.

12 **4. Eligibility.** Employees of the department, including part-time and seasonal
13 employees and agents of the animal damage control program, including those who are not
14 compensated, are not eligible to participate in any aspect of this program.

15 **5. Rules.** Rules established pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as
16 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

17 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10851, sub-§1,** as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and
18 amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §92 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

19 **1. Infants and seniors.** The following resident lifetime licenses may be purchased:

20 A. For a resident who is less than 6 years of age:

21 (1) An infant resident lifetime fishing license. The fee for an infant resident
22 lifetime fishing license is \$150;

23 (2) An infant resident lifetime hunting license. The fee for an infant resident
24 lifetime hunting license is ~~\$150~~ \$151;

25 (3) An infant resident lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for an infant
26 resident lifetime archery hunting license is ~~\$150~~ \$151;

27 (3-A) An infant resident lifetime trapping license. The fee for an infant resident
28 lifetime trapping license is \$150;

29 (4) An infant resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses. The fee for an
30 infant resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses is \$250; and

31 (5) An infant resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses. The fee for an
32 infant resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses is \$400;

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

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

- 1 (2) A junior resident lifetime hunting license. The fee for a junior resident
2 lifetime hunting license is ~~\$300~~ \$301;
- 3 (3) A junior resident lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for a junior
4 resident lifetime archery hunting license is ~~\$300~~ \$301;
- 5 (3-A) A junior resident lifetime trapping license. The fee for a junior resident
6 lifetime trapping license is \$300;
- 7 (4) A junior resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses. The fee for a junior
8 resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses is \$500; and
- 9 (5) A junior resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses. The fee for a junior
10 resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses is \$800;
- 11 C. For a resident from 65 to 69 years of age:
- 12 (1) A senior resident lifetime fishing license. The fee for a senior resident
13 lifetime fishing license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year
14 in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the
15 license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person
16 who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age,
17 \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns
18 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in
19 which that person turns 69 years of age;
- 20 (2) A senior resident lifetime hunting license. The fee for a senior resident
21 lifetime hunting license is ~~\$50~~ \$51 for a person who purchases the license in the
22 year in which that person turns 65 years of age, ~~\$40~~ \$41 for a person who
23 purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, ~~\$30~~
24 \$31 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns
25 67 years of age, ~~\$20~~ \$21 for a person who purchases the license in the year in
26 which that person turns 68 years of age and ~~\$10~~ \$11 for a person who purchases
27 the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age;
- 28 (3) A senior resident lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for a senior
29 resident lifetime archery hunting license is ~~\$50~~ \$51 for a person who purchases
30 the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, ~~\$40~~ \$41 for a
31 person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years
32 of age, ~~\$30~~ \$31 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that
33 person turns 67 years of age, ~~\$20~~ \$21 for a person who purchases the license in
34 the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and ~~\$10~~ \$11 for a person who
35 purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age;
- 36 (3-A) A senior resident lifetime trapping license. The fee for a senior resident
37 lifetime trapping license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year
38 in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the
39 license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person
40 who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age,
41 \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns
42 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in
43 which that person turns 69 years of age;

1 (4) A senior resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses. The fee for a senior
2 resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses is \$80 for a person who purchases
3 the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$64 for a person
4 who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age,
5 \$48 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns
6 67 years of age, \$32 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which
7 that person turns 68 years of age and \$16 for a person who purchases the license
8 in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age; and

9 (5) A senior resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses. The fee for a senior
10 resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses is \$110 for a person who
11 purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$94
12 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66
13 years of age, \$78 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that
14 person turns 67 years of age, \$52 for a person who purchases the license in the
15 year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$26 for a person who
16 purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age; and

17 D. For a resident 70 years of age or older. A person who holds a valid senior
18 lifetime license under this section upon turning 70 years of age may obtain at no cost
19 a hunting license, fishing license, trapping license, archery license under section
20 11109, subsection 7, a pheasant hunting permit under section 11156, a muzzle-
21 loading hunting license under section 11109, subsection 4, a migratory waterfowl
22 permit under section 11157 and a bear hunting permit under section 11151 and may
23 renew at no cost a guide license under section 12853. A person who is 70 years of
24 age or older may purchase a senior lifetime license that entitles the holder to all the
25 privileges described in this paragraph for a one-time \$8 fee.

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

28 **3. Hunting licenses; combination licenses; fees.** Hunting licenses, combination
29 licenses and fees are as follows.

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~~ \$8.

32 B. A resident hunting license, for a person 16 years of age or older, is ~~\$21~~ \$22.

33 C. A resident small game hunting license, for a person 16 years of age or older,
34 which permits hunting for all legal species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon
35 and bobcat, is ~~\$14~~ \$15.

36 D. A resident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$38~~ \$39.

37 E. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$38~~ \$39.

38 F. A nonresident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and
39 under 16 years of age, is ~~\$27~~ \$28.

40 G. A nonresident small game hunting license, which permits hunting of all legal
41 species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is ~~\$67~~ \$68.

- 1 H. A nonresident 3-day small game hunting license, valid for 3 consecutive hunting
2 days, which permits hunting of all legal species except deer, bear, turkey, moose,
3 raccoon and bobcat for the 72-hour period specified on the license, is ~~\$42~~ \$43.
- 4 I. A nonresident big game hunting license, which permits hunting of all species
5 including deer and bear, is ~~\$102~~ \$103.
- 6 J. A nonresident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$137~~ \$138.
- 7 K. An alien small game hunting license, which permits hunting of all species except
8 deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is ~~\$72~~ \$73.
- 9 L. An alien big game hunting license, which permits hunting of all species
10 including deer and bear, is ~~\$127~~ \$128.
- 11 M. An alien combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$178~~ \$179.
- 12 N. A license to use leashed dogs to track wounded animals, which permits a person
13 to use one or more leashed dogs to track a lawfully wounded deer, moose or bear, is
14 \$27.

15 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §5, is
16 further amended to read:

17 **7. Archery hunting licenses; combination licenses; fees.** Archery hunting
18 licenses, combination licenses and fees are as follows:

- 19 A. A resident archery license is ~~\$24~~ \$22;
- 20 B. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$38~~ \$39;
- 21 C. A nonresident archery license is ~~\$62~~ \$63; and
- 22 D. An alien archery license is ~~\$72~~ \$73.

23 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 419, §5 and
24 affected by §12, is amended to read:

25 **9. Crossbow licenses and fees.** Crossbow hunting licenses and fees are as follows:

- 26 A. A resident crossbow hunting license is ~~\$25~~ \$26;
- 27 B. A nonresident crossbow hunting license is ~~\$48~~ \$49; and
- 28 C. An alien crossbow hunting license is ~~\$72~~ \$73.

29 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 477, §4, is
30 amended to read:

31 **5. Fee.** The fee for a super pack license is ~~\$200~~ \$201 for residents and ~~\$175~~ \$176
32 for a person holding 2 or more lifetime licenses.

33 **Sec. 7. Coyote award program funding.** The Commissioner of Inland
34 Fisheries and Wildlife shall use one half of the funds collected from the \$1 increase in
35 hunting license fees pursuant to sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for the coyote award program
36 established by rule pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10108-A,

1 subsection 1 and one half of the funds collected for the animal damage control program
2 under Title 12, section 10053, subsection 8.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill establishes the coyote award program. The bill also increases hunting
5 license fees by \$1. The bill directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to
6 use the funds collected from the increase in hunting license fees for the coyote award
7 program and the animal damage control program.