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In Senate, December 21, 2009

**An Act To Clarify and Amend Laws Pertaining to Licenses Issued
by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Kittery and
Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CLARK of Millinocket,
DAVIS of Sangerville, EBERLE of South Portland, SARTY of Denmark, SHAW of Standish.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶N**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 176, §1 and c.
3 339, §1, is further amended to read:

4 N. ~~Social~~ E-mail addresses provided by online customers and social security
5 numbers in the possession of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10801, sub-§6, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
7 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

8 C. If an agent is delinquent for more than 150 days or is delinquent 3 or more times
9 in one ~~calendar~~ year, the commissioner shall:

- 10 (1) Terminate the agency for the balance of the year; and
11 (2) Order that the agency not be renewed for the next year.

12 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10851, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 651, §9, is
13 further amended to read:

14 D. For a resident 70 years of age or older. A person who holds a valid senior
15 lifetime license under this section ~~upon turning at any time during the calendar year~~
16 that person turns 70 years of age may obtain at no cost is entitled to all hunting
17 permits and licenses authorized in this Part and may renew at no cost a guide license
18 under section 12853. A person who is 70 years of age or older may purchase a senior
19 lifetime license that entitles the holder to all the privileges described in this paragraph
20 for a one-time \$8 fee.

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

23 B. A nonresident who possesses a 15-day nonresident fishing license may exchange
24 it for an annual nonresident license upon the ~~additional~~ payment of ~~\$12~~, the
25 difference between the fee for the 15-day license and the fee for the annual license,
26 and \$2 to the clerk or issuing agent.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill corrects an inconsistency in the fishing license laws resulting from recent fee
29 increases. It clarifies the reporting requirements for agents in order to avoid
30 delinquencies with seasonal agents, and it improves the privacy of Department of Inland
31 Fisheries and Wildlife customers. This bill also allows a person who is eligible for a
32 senior lifetime hunting and fishing license to obtain it at any time in the calendar year that
33 person turns 70 years of age and makes it clear it includes all stamps, permits and other
34 related permissions.