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An Act To Amend Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing Laws

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.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LYFORD of Eddington.
Cosponsored by Representatives: REED of Carmel, THERIAULT of China.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§17** is enacted to read:

3 **17. Group fishing license for persons with disabilities.** In addition to other
4 licenses issued by the commissioner pursuant to this section, the commissioner may issue
5 a complimentary group fishing license to a person or entity that allows a group of persons
6 with disabilities to fish in a location for a period of time as specified on the license.

7 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 370, §5, is further
8 amended to read:

9 **5. Eligibility.** Except as provided in this subsection, a resident, nonresident or alien
10 who is eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a
11 Maine hunting license by the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply
12 for a moose hunting permit. ~~Beginning in 2011, a~~ A person who has obtained a moose
13 hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit until ~~3 years have elapsed the 4th~~
14 calendar year after the issuance of the last permit. This limitation does not apply to
15 subpermittees under subsection 7.

16 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12953, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. F, §2, is
17 further amended to read:

18 **4. Examination.** An applicant for a license shall appear at a time and place
19 designated by the commissioner to be examined by means of written, practical and oral
20 tests as the commissioner determines. The commissioner shall determine the form and
21 content of examinations. ~~The examination fee is \$50 and is nonrefundable. An applicant~~
22 ~~may retake the examination once without paying an additional examination fee.~~

23 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12953, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. F, §3, is
24 further amended to read:

25 **6. License and fee.** License applicants who successfully meet the qualifications set
26 forth in this section must be issued a license upon payment of a \$77 fee for a 3-year
27 license. This fee is in addition to the \$50 ~~examination~~ application fee required for a first-
28 time applicant.

29 SUMMARY

30 This bill makes the following changes to the fish and wildlife licensing laws.

31 1. It eliminates the \$50 examination fee for a taxidermy license.

32 2. It clarifies the length of the period of time during which a person who has
33 obtained a moose hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit.

34 3. It authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a
35 complimentary group fishing license to a person or entity that allows a group of persons
36 with disabilities to fish in a location for a period of time as specified on the license.