

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 11, 2019

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**An Act To Fairly Compensate Registration Stations for Bear, Deer,  
Moose and Turkey Registrations**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.  
Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and  
Representatives: COREY of Windham, DeVEAU of Caribou, HANLEY of Pittston, LANDRY  
of Farmington, MASON of Lisbon, ORDWAY of Standish, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of  
Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10264, last ¶**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 668, §3, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 Notwithstanding section 10801, subsection 4, ~~\$2~~ \$1 of each deer registration fee  
5 collected under section 12301-A, subsection 3, paragraph C must be deposited in the  
6 fund. Fifty percent of the funds deposited in the fund from the deer registration fees must  
7 be used for predator control purposes and 50% of the deposited fees must be used to  
8 enhance deer habitat. The commissioner may accept and deposit into the fund monetary  
9 gifts, donations or other contributions from public or private sources for the purposes  
10 specified in this section. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money,  
11 funds and accounts. The department shall report annually to the joint standing committee  
12 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the  
13 fund and its utilization.

14 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12301-A, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 387, §5, is  
15 further amended to read:

16 C. Collect \$5 and retain ~~\$2~~ \$4 for each seal from the person registering a bear, deer  
17 or moose. The remaining ~~\$3~~ \$1 must be returned to the department by the agent  
18 pursuant to section 10801, subsection 3; and

19 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12301-A, sub-§3, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 387, §6, is  
20 amended to read:

21 D. Collect \$3 and retain \$2 for each wild turkey registered. The remaining \$1 must  
22 be returned to the department by the agent pursuant to section 10801, subsection 3.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill amends the law governing registration of harvested animals to have  
25 registration agents retain \$4 of each registration seal for a bear, deer or moose. It also  
26 increases the amount collected for each wild turkey registered to \$3, leaving the amount  
27 retained at \$2.