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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 158, L.D. 223, "An Act To Clarify  
Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1, 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10901, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §96 and  
affected by §422, is amended to read:

**4. Suspension of license.** If a license, permit or registration is suspended pursuant to  
Title 19-A, section 2201, the suspension remains in effect until the person is in compliance  
with the support order. On condition of payment of a \$25 ~~\$50~~ reinstatement fee to the  
department, the suspension is rescinded and the license reinstated. The reinstatement fee  
must be deposited into the Landowner Relations Fund established in section 10265.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §3, is further  
amended to read:

**3. Failure to pay fine; reinstatement fee.** If a license, permit or registration is  
suspended pursuant to this section or Title 14, section 3142, the suspension remains in  
effect until the person pays the fine and the reinstatement fee under subsection 11. ~~On  
condition of payment of a \$25 reinstatement fee to the department, the clerk of the court in  
which the suspension was ordered shall rescind the suspension and notify the department,  
which, upon receipt of the \$25 reinstatement fee, shall delete any record of the suspension  
from that person's record.~~ For the purposes of this subsection, "fine" has the same meaning  
as in Title 14, section 3141, subsection 1.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

**11. Reinstatement fee.** A person who has had a license, permit or registration  
suspended or revoked pursuant to this section or Title 14, section 3142 must pay a \$50  
reinstatement fee, and a suspension or revocation remains in effect until the person pays  
the fee. The reinstatement fee must be deposited into the Landowner Relations Fund  
established in section 10265.

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1           **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12201, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 325, §6, is further  
2 amended to read:

3           **2. Eligibility.** The following persons are eligible to purchase a trapping license,  
4 subject to the provisions of subsection 3.

5           A. A resident 16 years of age or older is eligible to purchase a resident adult trapping  
6 license.

7           B. A resident person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age is eligible to  
8 purchase a resident junior trapping license. If the person is a nonresident and not a  
9 citizen of the United States, the license issued under this paragraph authorizes the  
10 person to trap only beaver pursuant to section 12259, subsection 3.

11           C. A resident person under 10 years of age may trap all legal species, except bear,  
12 without a license, except that if the person is a nonresident and not a citizen of the  
13 United States, the person may trap only beaver pursuant to section 12259, subsection  
14 3.

15           D. A nonresident ~~who is a citizen of the United States~~ 16 years of age or older is  
16 eligible to purchase a nonresident adult trapping license, except that if the person is not  
17 a citizen of the United States, the license authorizes the person to trap only beaver  
18 pursuant to section 12259, subsection 3.

19           E. ~~If a nonresident is not a citizen of the United States, the nonresident may purchase~~  
20 ~~a nonresident trapping license but may not trap any species other than beaver pursuant~~  
21 ~~to section 12259, subsection 3.~~

22           Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

23           **'Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
24 affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

25           **2. Application and issuance.** The commissioner, or an agent designated by the  
26 commissioner, may register and assign a registration number to a snowmobile upon  
27 application and payment of a fee by the owner. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1  
28 in addition to the fee for each registration issued by an employee of the department. The  
29 registration number in the form of stickers issued by the commissioner must be clearly  
30 displayed on both sides of the snowmobile. An annual registration is valid for one year  
31 commencing July 1st of each year, except that any registration issued prior to July 1st but  
32 after May 1st is valid from the date of issuance until June 30th of the following year.

33           **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§3**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended  
34 by c. 695, Pt. B, §13 and affected by Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

35           **3. Application and issuance.** The commissioner, or an agent designated by the  
36 commissioner, may register and assign a registration number to an ATV upon application  
37 and payment of ~~an annual~~ a fee by the owner. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1  
38 in addition to the ~~annual~~ fee for each registration issued by an employee of the department.  
39 The registration number in the form of stickers issued by the commissioner must be clearly  
40 displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. A Annual registration is valid for one  
41 year commencing July 1st of each year, except that any registration issued prior to July 1st  
42 but after May 1st is valid from the date of issuance until June 31st 30th of the following  
43 year.





# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 223

LR 97(02)

## An Act To Clarify Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-86)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes changes to the rules regarding snowmobile registrations, trapping licenses and fees paid to reinstate a suspended license or registration. It increases the fee paid to reinstate a suspended license or registration from \$25 to \$50. It expands this fee to include permits issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) and directs that these funds go to the Landowner Relations Fund within IFW. These changes will reduce General Fund revenue by \$1,500 and increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by \$13,000 starting in fiscal year 2021-22. The bill includes ongoing allocations of \$13,000 to IFW starting in fiscal year 2021-22 to allow for the expenditure of the additional revenue.

Any loss of registration revenue to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a result of provisions specifying that annual snowmobile registrations registered after May 1 but prior to July 1 are valid until June 30 of the following year is anticipated to be minor. Any additional costs to IFW as a result of provisions regarding the display of snowmobile registrations or language clarifying who may obtain an adult trapping license are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.