

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 24, 2021

**An Act To Provide the Option of Online or Telephonic Tagging of  
Harvested Big Game Animals**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12301-A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 387, §§4 to 6, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **§12301-A. Registration of harvested animals**

5 **1. Registration stations process established.** The commissioner shall adopt rules  
6 governing the establishment and closure of bear, deer, moose and wild turkey registration  
7 stations for the purpose of registering harvested bear, deer, moose and wild turkey and to  
8 allow for the collection of biological and hunting data and prescribe a form and content of  
9 bear, deer, moose and wild turkey registration to include the use of a computer, telephone  
10 or mobile electronic device in lieu of presenting the animal at a tagging station for  
11 registration. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined  
12 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

13 **2. Agents designated.** An agent designated by the commissioner must be in charge  
14 of each bear, deer, moose or wild turkey registration station and of the computer, telephone  
15 or mobile electronic device registration process under subsection 1.

16 **3. Agent duties.** Registration agents shall:

- 17 A. Register every bear, deer, moose or wild turkey legally presented for registration;  
18 B. Attach a seal to each bear, deer, moose or wild turkey in the manner directed and  
19 with the materials furnished by the commissioner or, in the case of computer, telephone  
20 or mobile electronic device registration, provide a unique registration number to attach  
21 to the animal;  
22 C. Collect \$5 and retain \$2 for each seal or unique registration number from the person  
23 registering a bear, deer or moose. The remaining \$3 must be returned to the department  
24 by the agent pursuant to section 10801, subsection 3; and  
25 D. Collect and retain \$2 for each wild turkey registered.

26 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12302-A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §228 and affected  
27 by §422, is amended to read:

28 **§12302-A. Timely registration of bear, deer, moose or wild turkey**

29 **1. Requirement.** A person who kills a bear, deer, moose or wild turkey shall:

- 30 A. Remain with that animal until it is registered, except as provided in section  
31 12303-A;  
32 B. Present that animal for registration in that person's name at the first open registration  
33 station for that animal on the route taken by that person or use a computer, telephone  
34 or mobile electronic device to register the animal in accordance with rules adopted by  
35 the commissioner; and  
36 C. Leave the registration seal or unique registration number provided pursuant to  
37 section 12301-A, subsection 3, paragraph B attached to the animal in accordance with  
38 section 12301-A until that animal is processed and packaged for consumption.

39 **2. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.

