

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 104

House of Representatives, January 13, 2023

**An Act to Increase Communication Between the Department of  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Lifetime License Holders by  
Requiring Free License Renewals Under Certain Circumstances**

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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 "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10851-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§10851-A. Annual renewal of lifetime licenses required**

4 **1. Annual renewal required.** A person with a license purchased under section 10851  
5 shall notify the department of the person's intent to hunt, trap or fish in accordance with  
6 that license by completing in that year a renewal process with the department. The  
7 department may not assess a fee for a renewal completed under this section. The department  
8 may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are  
9 routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

10 **2. Civil violation.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for  
11 which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

12 **3. Criminal offense.** A person who violates subsection 1 after having been previously  
13 adjudicated of a 3rd or subsequent violation of subsection 1 within the previous 5-year  
14 period commits a Class E crime.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires holders of a lifetime license to hunt, trap or fish to notify the Department  
17 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in each year the person intends to use the license by completing  
18 a renewal process with the department at no charge.