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Date: 4/27/23 Minority

L.D. 305
(Filing No. H-77)

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 203, L.D. 305, "An Act to Provide Youth Lifetime Hunting Licenses to Eligible Dependents of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Provide Complimentary Lifetime Fishing and Hunting Licenses to Eligible Dependents of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10851, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

2. Dependents of disabled veterans. For a person who has not attained 16 years of age and is a dependent of a veteran who is 100% permanently and totally disabled, an infant lifetime fishing license or a junior lifetime fishing license and an infant lifetime hunting license or a junior lifetime hunting license may be issued. There is no fee for a license issued under this subsection.

The dependent must reside in the primary residence of the disabled veteran.

The commissioner may issue one complimentary lifetime fishing license and one complimentary lifetime hunting license per household.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Reduces allocations to reflect a decrease in revenue from issuance of complimentary lifetime fishing licenses and complimentary lifetime hunting licenses to eligible dependents of veterans. The veterans must be 100% permanently and totally disabled.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
2	All Other	(\$863,085)	(\$863,085)
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4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$863,085)</u>	<u>(\$863,085)</u>

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6 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
7 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

9 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and changes the title. It
10 allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a complimentary infant
11 lifetime fishing license or a complimentary junior lifetime fishing license and a
12 complimentary infant lifetime hunting license or a complimentary junior lifetime hunting
13 license to a dependent of a veteran who is 100% permanently and totally disabled if the
14 dependent has not attained 16 years of age and resides in the primary residence of the
15 disabled veteran. The amendment limits the complimentary lifetime licenses to one fishing
16 license and one hunting license per household. The amendment also adds an appropriations
17 and allocations section.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 305

LR 1766(02)

An Act to Provide Youth Lifetime Hunting Licenses to Eligible Dependents of Veterans Who Are 100 Percent Disabled

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-77)*
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$863,085)	(\$863,085)	(\$863,085)	(\$863,085)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$863,085)	(\$863,085)	(\$863,085)	(\$863,085)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides complimentary lifetime hunting and fishing licenses to a dependent of a veteran who is 100% permanently and totally disabled. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife estimates that issuing these complimentary lifetime licenses will reduce Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the department by \$863,085 annually, starting in fiscal year 2023-24. The bill includes an accompanying deallocation of the same amount to reflect the revenue loss. This estimate incorporates certain assumptions about the number of veterans in the state, the number of veterans with 100% permanent and disabled status and the demographic composition of veterans in the state.