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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

**AN ACT Increasing The Fee for Resident and Non-Resident Hunting and
Fishing Licenses.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, it is necessary to the development of the state of Maine that the wildlife and natural resources be adequately fostered, developed and protected and that the recreational industry be promoted, and

Whereas, for reasons of economy it is necessary to make the department of inland fisheries and game self-supporting in order that the funds usually appropriated to the use of this department, may be used for other necessary state activities, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 38, § 16, amended. The paragraph printed in italics in section

16 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'A fee of ~~\$5~~ **\$6.50** shall be paid annually for the registration of a Class A guide and a fee of ~~\$3~~ **\$4.50** shall be paid annually for a Class B guide. Non-residents may be so licensed upon payment of a fee of \$40. Persons licensed under this section may hunt and fish by virtue of their guide's license.'

R. S., c. 38, § 19, amended. Paragraphs numbered (2) and (3) of section 19 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, are hereby amended to read as follows:

'(2) Each resident of the state and each non-resident shall purchase from the commissioner or his authorized agent the written license of the commissioner, which shall be kept upon the person while fishing or transporting fish, and shall be exhibited to any warden, employee of this department, or guide upon request. All employees and soldiers regularly employed at the National Soldiers' Home shall be, and hereby are, classified as residents of this state for the purpose of obtaining fishing licenses, and shall pay the same fees and be held to the same laws, rules and regulations as residents of this state. The clerks of all towns are such authorized agents and for the issuance of non-resident licenses the commissioner may, subject to recall at his pleasure, designate additional agents. A license shall be issued to a resident by the clerk of the town in which he resides, or if he is domiciled in an unorganized place, then by the clerk of the nearest town, upon payment of a fee of ~~\$1.15~~ **\$2.15**, of which 15 cents shall be retained by the town clerk. No town or city clerk or other person, shall wilfully issue resident fishing licenses to any person other than a bona fide resident of the town or city in which said license is issued, under penalty of \$10 for each license so issued.'

'(3) Non-resident fishing licenses shall be of 3 classes, ~~a month~~ **15 day** license to cost \$3.15, effective for ~~30~~ **15** days from the date of purchase thereof, and a season license effective for the entire season, to cost ~~\$5.45~~ **\$6.15** but the amount paid for a ~~month~~ **15 day** license shall be credited on the purchase of a year license upon an additional payment of ~~\$2.45~~ **\$3.15**, also a junior non-resident license, which shall be a season license covering all non-residents, between the ages of 10 and 16 years, to cost \$1.15. Fifteen cents shall be retained by the agent for each license issued.'

R. S., c. 38, § 19, ¶ 8, repealed. Paragraph 8 of section 19 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed.

R. S., c. 38, § 41, amended. Paragraphs numbered (2) and (3) of section 41 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, are hereby amended to read as follows:

'(2) No resident shall hunt or have in his possession any wild bird or wild animal without first having procured from the commissioner or his authorized agent a written license which shall be kept upon the person while hunting or transporting such birds and animals and exhibited to any warden, employee of this department, or guide upon request. All employees and soldiers regularly employed at the National Soldiers' Home shall be, and hereby are, classified as residents of this state for the purpose of obtaining hunting licenses, and shall pay the same fees and be held to the same laws, rules and regulations as residents of this state. The clerks of all towns are such authorized agents, and the commissioner may appoint additional agents. The license shall be issued to a resident by the clerk of the town in which the applicant resides, or if domiciled in an unorganized place, then by the clerk of the nearest town, upon payment of a fee of ~~\$1.15~~ **\$1.65** of which 15 cents shall be retained by the town clerk. A combination hunting and fishing license may be issued on payment of ~~\$2.15~~ **\$3.65**, 15 cents to be retained by the town clerk. No town or city clerk or other person, shall issue resident hunting licenses to any person other than a bona fide resident of the town or city in which said license is issued, under penalty of \$10 for each license so issued.'

'(3) No non-resident or alien shall hunt or have in his possession any wild bird or animal without first having procured from the commissioner or his authorized agent a written license which shall be kept upon the person while hunting or transporting such birds and animals and exhibited to any warden, employee of this department, or guide upon request. In addition to town clerks, the commissioner may, subject to recall at his pleasure, designate additional agents to issue licenses.

The license to hunt wild birds, rabbits, foxes and unprotected wild birds or wild animals only shall be issued on payment of ~~\$5.15~~ **\$8.15** and to hunt both wild birds and wild animals on payment of \$15.15, of which 15 cents shall be retained by the agent issuing the license.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.