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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE.

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**AN ACT Relative to Hunting and Fishing Licenses.**

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

**R. S., c. 38, § 19, amended.** The 1st paragraph, and subsection numbered (2), of section 19 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, are hereby amended to read as follows:

'No resident of the state over ~~18~~ 16 years of age and no non-resident over the age of 10 years shall fish in any inland waters of the state except in accordance with the following provisions:

'(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, of which 15 cents shall be retained by the town clerk; **provided however, that a special license without fee, shall be issued to any resident who has reached the age of 70 years or over, which shall be valid so long as he remains a resident of this state. All such licenses shall be issued at the office of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game upon written application containing such information as will show the applicant's eligibility for such a license, and shall be subject to all of the provisions of chapter 38 of the revised statutes as revised. 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.'**

**R. S., c. 38, § 40, amended.** Paragraph (e) of section 40 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'e. A resident is a citizen of the United States who has been a bona fide resident of this state and actually domiciled here for a period of ~~3~~ 6 months next prior to his application for a license.'

**R. S., c. 38, § 41, amended.** Paragraph (6) of section 41 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'(6) Any non-resident under the age of 16 years with the consent of his parent or guardian, may buy a junior non-resident hunting license to hunt wild birds, rabbits, raccoons, foxes and unprotected wild birds and animals only, on payment of \$2.15, of which 15 cents shall be retained by the agent issuing the license. Any resident under the age of ~~18~~ 16 years may hunt without a license if accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian while in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice of the state with firearms in his possession, except that any resident under the age of ~~18~~ 16 may procure a license to hunt by filing with the clerk issuing the license the written consent of his parent or guardian. **Provided however, that a special license without fee, shall be issued to any resident who has reached the age of 70 years or over, which shall be valid so long as he remains a resident of this state. All such licenses shall be issued at the office of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game upon written application containing such information as will show the applicant's eligibility for such a license, and shall be subject to all of the provisions of chapter 38 of the revised statutes as revised.'**