

NINETY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk. Presented by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Guides' Qualifications, License and License Revocation.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 29, repealed and replaced. Section 29 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 29. Guides; qualifications; fees; licenses. Any person performing the service of guiding and receiving compensation or reward for said services in guiding, directing or assisting any person in hunting, trapping, fishing or otherwise taking wildlife; whether such reward be made as direct compensation to such person or included in service charges or fees for facilities charged by another person, shall be licensed by the commissioner to do so.

Applications shall be made on forms prescribed by the commissioner. All applicants shall be citizens of the United States and at least 18 years of age. Each applicant shall furnish such recommendations as the commissioner shall require. He shall satisfy the commissioner that he is skilled in the use, management and handling of such firearms, boats or canoes as are customarily used in hunting, camping and fishing and that he is a safe and competent person under all circumstances.

Residents meeting the above requirements may be licensed as guides on payment of a fee of \$7.50. Non-residents may be licensed as guides on payment of a fee of \$50. Persons licensed under this section may hunt and fish by virtue of their guides license. Whenever a licensed guide is charged with having violated any of the inland fish and game laws, the commissioner may suspend his license. Whenever a licensed guide is convicted of a violation of the inland fish and game laws, his license shall be revoked by the commissioner for not less than I year nor more than IO years.'