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CHAPTER 460
H. P. 164 — L. D. 190

AN ACT to Increase Registration Fees under the Maine Consumer Credit Code.

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

9-A MRSA § 6-203, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1975, c. 179, § 3, is further amended to read:

1. A person required to file notification shall at the time he files such notification pay to the administrator an annual fee of ~~\$10~~ **\$20** for that year and an annual fee of ~~\$5~~ **\$10** for each branch thereof.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 461
H. P. 218 — L. D. 255

AN ACT to Provide a Special Muzzle-loading Hunting Season.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 7001, sub-§ 23-A is enacted to read:

23-A. Muzzle-loading firearm. "Muzzle-loading firearm" means a rifle that is:

- A. Forty caliber or greater;**
- B. Capable of firing only a single charge;**
- C. Equipped with a barrel 20 inches or more in length;**
- D. Loaded through the muzzle with powder and a ball or bullet; and**
- E. Ignited by a percussion cap or priming charge of a flint, match or wheel lock mechanism.**

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 7107 is enacted to read:

§ 7107. Muzzle-loading hunting license

1. **Eligibility.** Any person who will be 16 years of age or older at the beginning of the special season in subsection 4 may obtain a muzzle-loading hunting license from the commissioner or his authorized agent, provided that that person possesses a valid license to hunt big game.

2. **Issuance.** The commissioner, through his agent, shall issue a muzzle-loading license to eligible persons. The issuing agent shall charge a fee of \$1 for each license issued.

3. **Schedule of fees.** The fees for muzzle-loading rifle licenses are as follows.

- A. Resident 3-day muzzle-loading rifle license \$ 7
- B. Nonresident 3-day muzzle-loading rifle license \$30
- C. Alien 3-day muzzle-loading rifle license \$45

4. **Open season.** There shall be a special muzzle-loading open season on deer consisting of the 3 business days immediately following the open season on deer, as described in section 7457, subsection 1, for the purpose of hunting deer with muzzle-loading rifles. The commissioner may terminate this open season at any time in any area if, in his opinion, an immediate emergency action is necessary due to adverse weather conditions or severe hunting pressure.

5. **Restrictions.** The following restrictions apply during the muzzle-loading open season.

- A. A muzzle-loading rifle equipped with any type of telescope or telescope sight may not be used during any special muzzle-loading open season.
- B. Deer tags for the muzzle-loading open season shall be issued for use in the same manner as regular deer tags.
- C. If a person takes a deer during any open season on deer, he is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year.
- D. Except as provided in this section, chapters 701 to 721 relating to deer apply to the taking of deer with muzzle-loading rifles.

6. **Repeal.** This section is repealed on March 1, 1983.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 7406, sub-§ 8, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended to read:

- C. Has in or on a motor vehicle or trailer any firearm with a cartridge or shell in the chamber or in an attached magazine, clip or cylinder, or a muzzle-loading firearm with powder and lead in the breech of the barrel.