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CHAPTER 146

H.P. 527 - L.D. 747

AN ACT to Require Completion of an Education Program in Order to be Eligible to Purchase an Initial Trapping License.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 729, §2, is amended to read:

1. Eligibility. The following persons are eligible to purchase a trapping license, subject to the provisions of subsection 7.

A. Any resident 16 years of age or older is eligible to purchase a resident trapping license.

B. Any resident 10 years of age or older and under 16 years is eligible to purchase a resident junior trapping license.

C. Any resident under 10 years of age may trap without a license.

D. Any nonresident is eligible to purchase a nonresident trapping license.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§§7 and 8 are enacted to read:

7. Successful completion of trapper evaluation program required for license. Any person who applies for a state license to trap other than a junior license shall submit proof of having successfully completed an education course of the type described in subsection 8 or satisfactory evidence of having previously held an adult license to trap in this State or any other state, province or country in any year beginning with 1978.

When proof or evidence cannot otherwise be provided, the person may substitute a signed affidavit that he has previously held the required adult trapping license or that he has successfully completed the required trapper education course.

The provisions of this subsection shall take effect January 1, 1988.

8. Trapper education program established. The commissioner shall establish a program for training individuals in safe and responsible trapping skills and behavior. This program shall include instruction in the applicable laws and rights and in the appropriate principals of wildlife management. For the purpose of establishing the program the commissioner may cooperate with any public or private association having similar goals.

In establishing the program the commissioner shall:

A. Prescribe the qualifications of instructors;

B. Provide for insurance. Each instructor authorized by the commissioner to conduct these programs shall be covered by liability insurance protecting him from liability for damages during the time when instruction is being given. The cost of this insurance shall be borne by the State and shall be a charge against the funds credited to the department;

C. Prescribe the type and length of instruction and the time and place of examinations; and

D. Issue a certificate of competency to individuals who successfully complete the examination.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 147

H.P. 730 - L.D. 1039

AN ACT to Expand the Membership of the Maine
Occupational Information Coordinating
Committee.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1452, as amended by PL 1983, c. 469, §3, is further amended to read:

§1452. Maine Occupational Information Coordinating
Committee

The Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee is established to support the development,