

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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BILL SUMMARY



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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(COMMITTEE REPORT) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2446	AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS	Usher	PL 1983, c. 797

SUMMARY: This bill:

1. Makes it easier to determine the state of domicile of full-time college students by providing that students living in Maine for 3 months who meet all other requirements are presumed to be domiciled here.
2. Consolidates the provisions for complimentary licenses to residents over 70 years of age. A single license will now be issued allowing the bearer to hunt, trap or fish.
3. Makes the minimum required disability rating 70% instead of 75%. This makes the standard consistent with the evaluations of the Veterans' Administration which evaluate in increments of 10%.
4. Allows persons with stale convictions of night hunting to obtain coyote hunting permits.
5. Repeals an unnecessary provision which was needed in 1981-82 to provide for the change from calendar year trapping licenses to fiscal year.
6. Corrects an error in recent legislation which adjusted license fees. As a result of that law, it became cheaper to buy a 15-day license and exchange it for a season license immediately than to buy the season license in the first place.
7. Removes an inconsistency in the law pertaining to the licensing of guides. The commissioner has rule-making authority according to the Revised Statutes, section 7301, subsections 3 and 8, while the examining board may make rules pursuant to subsection 1-A. The board has not used its rule-making authority.
8. Makes clear that concealed weapon permits issued by other states do not authorize possession of loaded weapons in motor vehicles in Maine.
9. Allows inland fisheries and wildlife personnel other than wardens to tag moose, thus giving the wardens service more flexibility to meet duties in the field if necessary.
10. Repeals a provision which related to trapping on lands of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. That tribe now exercises jurisdiction over fish and wildlife on tribal lands.
11. Clarifies ambiguity in the ATV law. Some persons had interpreted the provision as allowing the regular use of the shoulder of a highway or other less used portions of active public ways. Also corrects an error in the cross-referencing in the ATV law.
12. Corrects a problem caused by overlapping sections in 2 bills before the Legislature during this session.