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8. It specifies that a person may not keep bear, deer, moose or wild turkey without registering the animal for more than 18 hours after the animal was harvested.
9. It requires all the edible meat of a bear, deer or moose to be presented for registration along with evidence of the animal's sex. It also allows those animals to be dismembered for ease of transportation and allows the hunter to leave parts that are not of use away from public view.
10. It requires a hide dealer to keep a true and complete record of those buying and selling bear fat.
11. It allows a special hide dealer's license holder to commercially sell or barter the heads and untanned hides of bear that are butchered in the license holder's place of business.
12. It makes a special hide dealer's license valid for a full year, commencing January 1st, rather than a partial year, commencing August 1st.
13. It amends the definition of "owner," for the purpose of registration of a snowmobile, watercraft or ATV, to include a person having equitable interest in the snowmobile, watercraft or ATV, which entitles the person to possession of the vehicle.

LD 223 An Act To Clarify Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 411 requires payment of a \$50 reinstatement fee to reinstate a suspended or revoked license, permit or registration under the inland fisheries and wildlife laws resulting from a finding of civil contempt. It also increases the reinstatement fee for a license, permit or registration suspension for failure to pay child support from \$25 to \$50. The word "permit" is added to this section in order to be consistent with other places in statute. The \$50 reinstatement fee for all types of suspensions and revocations is deposited into the Landowner Relations Fund.

Public Law 2021, chapter 411 allows a nonresident junior trapper to purchase a trapping license at the resident junior rate and clarifies that a nonresident trapper of any age who is not a citizen of the United States may trap only beaver.

Public Law 2021, chapter 411 includes language in regard to the form and display of snowmobile registration numbers and stickers that is consistent with all-terrain vehicle registration requirements. It also provides that a snowmobile registered after May 1st and prior to July 1st has a registration that is valid for the upcoming winter and expires June 30th of the following year. Similar language changes are made to the law regarding all-terrain vehicle registration fees in order to be consistent with snowmobile registration requirements. It also changes a date from June 31st, which does not exist, to June 30th.