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An Act To Clarify and Amend Laws Pertaining to Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶N, as amended by PL 2009, c. 176, §1 and c. 339, §1, is further amended to read:

N. ~~Social~~E-mail addresses provided by online customers and social security numbers in the possession of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10801, sub-§6, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

C. If an agent is delinquent for more than 150 days or is delinquent 3 or more times in one calendar year, the commissioner shall:

(1) Terminate the agency for the balance of the year; and

(2) Order that the agency not be renewed for the next year.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10851, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2007, c. 651, §9, is further amended to read:

D. For a resident 70 years of age or older. A person who holds a valid senior lifetime license under this section ~~upon turning~~at any time during the calendar year that person turns 70 years of age may ~~obtain at no cost~~is entitled to all hunting permits and licenses authorized in this Part and may renew at no cost a guide license under section 12853. A person who is 70 years of age or older may purchase a senior lifetime license that entitles the holder to all the privileges described in this paragraph for a one-time \$8 fee.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

B. A nonresident who possesses a 15-day nonresident fishing license may exchange it for an annual nonresident license upon the ~~additional~~ payment of ~~\$12~~, the difference between the fee for the 15-day license and the fee for the annual license, and \$2 to the clerk or issuing agent.

SUMMARY

This bill corrects an inconsistency in the fishing license laws resulting from recent fee increases. It clarifies the reporting requirements for agents in order to avoid delinquencies with seasonal agents, and it improves the privacy of Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife customers. This bill also allows

a person who is eligible for a senior lifetime hunting and fishing license to obtain it at any time in the calendar year that person turns 70 years of age and makes it clear it includes all stamps, permits and other related permissions.