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**An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Work in Maine To Purchase  
Hunting and Fishing Licenses at Resident Rates**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BELIVEAU of Kittery. (BY REQUEST)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
3 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 **1. License required.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person  
5 may not engage in an activity for which a license may be issued under this section unless  
6 that person has a valid license issued under this section. Each day a person violates this  
7 subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$50 and an  
8 amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed. Notwithstanding  
9 section 10001, subsection 53, a nonresident employed in the State who has income from  
10 Maine sources resulting in a Maine income tax liability and who files and pays the  
11 required Maine income tax is deemed a resident for the purpose of establishing license  
12 rates and fees under this section.

13 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
14 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

15 **1. License required.** Except as otherwise permitted pursuant to this Part, a person  
16 may not fish for, transport or possess fish without a valid license issued under this  
17 section.

18 Each day a person violates this subsection, that person commits a Class E crime for which  
19 a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be  
20 imposed. Notwithstanding section 10001, subsection 53, a nonresident employed in the  
21 State who has income from Maine sources resulting in a Maine income tax liability and  
22 who files and pays the required Maine income tax is deemed a resident for the purpose of  
23 establishing license rates and fees under this section.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill allows a person who does not live in the State but who works in the State  
26 and who pays income tax to the State to pay the resident rate for hunting and general  
27 fishing licenses.