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**An Act To Reduce Nonresident Hunting and Fishing License Fees
and To Add Archery Hunting to Combination Licenses**

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren.
Cosponsored by Representative: DAVIS of Sangerville.

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 who owns real property in the State and is
10 current with property tax requirements regarding that property is deemed a resident for
11 the purpose of this section.

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO, §2, is
13 further amended to read:

14 **3. Hunting licenses; combination licenses; fees.** Hunting licenses, combination
15 licenses and fees are as follows.

16 A. A resident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and under
17 16 years of age, is \$7. Notwithstanding the permit fees established in subchapter 3, a
18 resident junior hunting license includes all permits, stamps and other permissions
19 needed to hunt at no additional cost.

20 B. A resident hunting license, for a person 16 years of age or older, is \$25.

21 C. A resident small game hunting license, for a person 16 years of age or older,
22 which permits hunting for all legal species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon
23 and bobcat, is \$14.

24 D. A resident combination hunting ~~and~~, fishing and archery hunting license is \$42.

25 ~~E. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is \$42.~~

26 E-1. A resident apprenticeship hunter license, which includes a bear hunting permit
27 and a wild turkey hunting permit under sections 11151 and 11155, respectively, is
28 \$25.

29 F. A nonresident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and
30 under 16 years of age, is ~~\$34~~ \$26.

31 G. A nonresident small game hunting license, which permits hunting of all legal
32 species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is ~~\$74~~ \$56.

33 H. A nonresident 3-day small game hunting license, valid for 3 consecutive hunting
34 days, which permits hunting of all legal species except deer, bear, turkey, moose,
35 raccoon and bobcat for the 72-hour period specified on the license, is ~~\$49~~ \$37.

36 I. A nonresident big game hunting license, which permits hunting of all legal species
37 subject to the permit requirements in chapter 915, subchapter 3, is ~~\$114~~ \$86.

1 J. A nonresident combination hunting ~~and~~, fishing and archery hunting license is
2 ~~\$149~~ \$112.

3 K. An alien small game hunting license, which permits hunting of all species except
4 deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is \$79.

5 L. An alien big game hunting license, which permits hunting of all legal species
6 subject to the permit requirements in chapter 915, subchapter 3, is \$139.

7 M. An alien combination hunting ~~and~~, fishing and archery hunting license is \$190.

8 N. A license to use leashed dogs to track wounded animals, which permits a person
9 to use one or more leashed dogs to track a lawfully wounded deer, moose or bear, is
10 \$27.

11 O. A nonresident small game apprenticeship hunter license, which permits the
12 hunting of all legal species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is
13 ~~\$74~~ \$56.

14 P. A nonresident big game apprenticeship hunter license, which permits the hunting
15 of all legal species and includes a bear hunting permit and a wild turkey hunting
16 permit under sections 11151 and 11155, respectively, is ~~\$114~~ \$86.

17 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§5, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO,
18 §3, is further amended to read:

19 B. A nonresident muzzle-loading hunting permit is ~~\$69~~ \$52; and

20 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO, §4, is
21 further amended to read:

22 **7. Archery hunting licenses; combination licenses; fees.** Archery hunting
23 licenses, combination licenses and fees are as follows:

24 A. A resident archery license is \$25;

25 B. A resident combination hunting, fishing and archery hunting ~~and fishing~~ license is
26 \$42;

27 C. A nonresident archery license is ~~\$74~~ \$56; and

28 D. An alien archery license is \$84.

29 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§9, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO,
30 §5, is further amended to read:

31 B. A nonresident crossbow hunting license is ~~\$55~~ \$41; and

32 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
33 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

34 **1. License required.** Except as otherwise permitted pursuant to this Part, a person
35 may not fish for, transport or possess fish without a valid license issued under this
36 section. Notwithstanding section 10001, subsection 53, a nonresident who owns real

1 property in the State and is current with property tax requirements regarding that property
2 is deemed a resident for the purpose of this section.

3 Each day a person violates this subsection, that person commits a Class E crime for which
4 a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be
5 imposed.

6 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§4, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
7 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

8 A. A resident who possesses a one-day or 3-day fishing license may exchange it in
9 the municipality in which that person resides for an annual resident fishing license or
10 a resident combination hunting, fishing and archery hunting license upon the payment
11 of:

12 (1) The difference between the fee for the one-day or 3-day license and the fee
13 for the annual resident fishing license or resident combination hunting, fishing
14 and archery hunting license; and

15 (2) Two dollars to the clerk or issuing agent.

16 **Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
17 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

18 B. A nonresident who possesses a 15-day nonresident fishing license may exchange
19 it for an annual nonresident license upon the additional payment of:

20 (1) Nine dollars;

21 (2) The difference between the fee for the 15-day license and the fee for the
22 annual license; and

23 (3) Two dollars to the clerk or issuing agent.

24 **Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO, §11,
25 is further amended to read:

26 **6. Schedule of fees.** The fees for fishing licenses are as follows.

27 A. A resident fishing license is \$25.

28 B. A resident combination hunting ~~and~~, fishing and archery hunting license is \$42.

29 ~~C. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is \$42.~~

30 D. A nonresident junior fishing license, for persons 12 years of age or older and
31 under 16 years of age, is ~~\$16~~ \$12.

32 E. A 3-day fishing license for a resident or nonresident, valid for the 72-hour period
33 specified on the license, is ~~\$23~~ \$17.

34 F. A nonresident 7-day fishing license, valid for 7 days from date indicated on
35 license, is ~~\$43~~ \$32.

36 G. A nonresident 15-day fishing license, valid for 15 days from date indicated on
37 license, is ~~\$47~~ \$35.

1 H. A nonresident ~~season~~ annual fishing license for persons 16 years of age or older is
2 \$~~64~~ \$48.

3 I. An alien season fishing license for persons 16 years of age or older is \$84.

4 J. A one-day fishing license for a resident or nonresident, valid for the 24-hour
5 period indicated on license, is ~~\$14~~ \$8.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill:

- 8 1. Provides that a nonresident who owns real property in the State may purchase
9 hunting or fishing licenses for the same fee as a resident;
- 10 2. Adds archery hunting to the hunting and fishing combination license; and
- 11 3. Reduces nonresident hunting and fishing license fees by approximately 25%.