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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEY of Beals.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §3, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **3. Failure to pay fine; reinstatement fee.** If a license or registration is suspended
5 pursuant to this section or Title 14, section 3142, the suspension remains in effect until the
6 person pays the fine and the reinstatement fee under subsection 11. ~~On condition of~~
7 ~~payment of a \$25 reinstatement fee to the department, the clerk of the court in which the~~
8 ~~suspension was ordered shall rescind the suspension and notify the department, which,~~
9 ~~upon receipt of the \$25 reinstatement fee, shall delete any record of the suspension from~~
10 ~~that person's record. For the purposes of this subsection, "fine" has the same meaning as~~
11 ~~in Title 14, section 3141, subsection 1.~~

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

13 **11. Reinstatement fee.** A person who has had a license, permit or registration
14 suspended or revoked pursuant to this section must pay a \$50 reinstatement fee, and a
15 suspension or revocation remains in effect until the person pays the fee.

16 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12201, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 325, §6, is further
17 amended to read:

18 **2. Eligibility.** The following persons are eligible to purchase a trapping license,
19 subject to the provisions of subsection 3.

20 A. A resident 16 years of age or older is eligible to purchase a resident adult trapping
21 license.

22 B. A resident person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age is eligible to
23 purchase a resident junior trapping license.

24 C. A resident person under 10 years of age may trap all legal species, except bear,
25 without a license.

26 D. A nonresident 16 years of age or older who is a citizen of the United States is
27 eligible to purchase a nonresident adult trapping license.

28 E. If a nonresident is not a citizen of the United States, the nonresident may purchase
29 a nonresident adult trapping license but may not trap any species other than beaver
30 pursuant to section 12259, subsection 3.

31 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12201, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
32 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended by amending the last blocked paragraph to read:

33 A resident junior trapping license issued to a person who has passed that person's 15th
34 birthday is valid through the year for which the license was issued.

35 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §12201, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 245, §6, is further
36 amended to read:

37 **6. Trapping fees.** The fees for trapping licenses are as follows:

38 A. A resident junior trapping license, for a person 10 years of age or older and under
39 16 years of age, is \$10;

40 B. A resident adult trapping license, for a person 16 years of age or older, is \$36; and

1 C. A nonresident adult trapping license is \$318.

2 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **2. Application and issuance.** The commissioner, or an agent designated by the
5 commissioner, may register and assign a registration number to a snowmobile upon
6 application and payment of an annual fee by the owner. The commissioner shall charge a
7 fee of \$1 in addition to the annual fee for each registration issued by an employee of the
8 department. The registration number in the form of stickers issued by the commissioner
9 must be clearly displayed on both sides of the snowmobile. A registration is valid for one
10 year commencing July 1st of each year, except that any registration issued prior to July 1st
11 but after May 1st is valid from the date of issuance until June 30th of the following year.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires payment of a \$50 reinstatement fee to reinstate a suspended or
14 revoked license, permit or registration under the inland fisheries and wildlife laws. It
15 includes language that is consistent with all-terrain vehicle registration requirements in
16 regard to the form and display of snowmobile registration numbers and stickers and
17 provides that a snowmobile registered after May 1st and prior to July 1st has a registration
18 that is valid for the upcoming winter and expires June 30th of the following year. It also
19 allows a nonresident junior trapper to purchase a trapping license at the resident junior rate.