

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 158 - L.D. 223

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

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10901, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §96 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

**4. Suspension of license.** If a license, permit or registration is suspended pursuant to Title 19-A, section 2201, the suspension remains in effect until the person is in compliance with the support order. On condition of payment of a ~~\$25~~ \$50 reinstatement fee to the department, the suspension is rescinded and the license reinstated. The reinstatement fee must be deposited into the Landowner Relations Fund established in section 10265.

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

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

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

**11. Reinstatement fee.** A person who has had a license, permit or registration suspended or revoked pursuant to this section or Title 14, section 3142 must pay a \$50 reinstatement fee, and a suspension or revocation remains in effect until the person pays the fee. The reinstatement fee must be deposited into the Landowner Relations Fund established in section 10265.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12201, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 325, §6, is further amended to read:

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

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

B. A ~~resident person~~ 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age is eligible to purchase a ~~resident~~ junior trapping license. If the person is a nonresident and not a citizen of the United States, the license issued under this paragraph authorizes the person to trap only beaver pursuant to section 12259, subsection 3.

C. A ~~resident person~~ under 10 years of age may trap all legal species, except bear, without a license, except that if the person is a nonresident and not a citizen of the United States, the person may trap only beaver pursuant to section 12259, subsection 3.

D. A nonresident ~~who is a citizen of the United States~~ 16 years of age or older is eligible to purchase a nonresident adult trapping license, except that if the person is not a citizen of the United States, the license authorizes the person to trap only beaver pursuant to section 12259, subsection 3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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

**Sec. 8. 12 MRS §13155, sub-§3**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 695, Pt. B, §13 and affected by Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Application and issuance.** The commissioner, or an agent designated by the commissioner, may register and assign a registration number to an ATV upon application and payment of ~~an annual~~ a fee by the owner. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1 in addition to the ~~annual~~ fee for each registration issued by an employee of the department. The registration number in the form of stickers issued by the commissioner must be clearly displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. ~~A~~ An annual registration is valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year, except that any registration issued prior to July 1st but after May 1st is valid from the date of issuance until June ~~31st~~ 30th of the following year.

**Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530**

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations for the expenditure of funds related to the landowner relations program and the Keep Maine Clean program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$13,000	\$13,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>\$13,000</u>