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## **An Act To Provide Complimentary Any-Deer Permits to Persons 70 Years of Age and Older**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

**1. Residents over 70 years of age.** A complimentary license to hunt, trap or fish, including an archery license under section 11109, subsection 7, a pheasant hunting permit under section 11156, a muzzle-loading hunting license under section 11109, subsection 4, a migratory waterfowl permit under section 11157, an antlerless deer permit under section 11152 and a bear hunting permit under section 11151 must be issued to a resident who is 70 years of age or older upon application to the commissioner.

A. A resident who applies for a complimentary license under this section at any time during the calendar year of that resident's 70th birthday must be issued a license upon application, regardless of the actual date during that calendar year in which that resident attains 70 years of age. A guide license may be renewed without charge for a resident who is 70 years of age or older upon application to the commissioner. The application must be accompanied by a birth certificate or other certified evidence of the applicant's date of birth and residency.

~~B. Beginning January 1, 2006, the department may not issue a complimentary license to a resident over 70 years of age. A complimentary license issued to a resident over 70 years of age prior to January 1, 2006 is valid as long as the license holder satisfies the residency requirements set out in section 10001, subsection 53.~~

C. A complimentary license issued under this subsection remains valid for the remainder of the life of the license holder, as long as the license holder continues to satisfy the residency requirements set out in section 10001, subsection 53 and the license is not revoked or suspended.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 75, §1, is repealed.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill allows residents 70 years of age or older to receive a complimentary antlerless deer permit.