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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY

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