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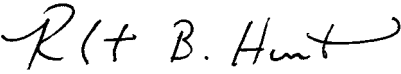
H.P. 104

House of Representatives, January 13, 2023

**An Act to Increase Communication Between the Department of  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Lifetime License Holders by  
Requiring Free License Renewals Under Certain Circumstances**

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Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered  
printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10851-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§10851-A. Annual renewal of lifetime licenses required**

4 **1. Annual renewal required.** A person with a license purchased under section 10851  
5 shall notify the department of the person's intent to hunt, trap or fish in accordance with  
6 that license by completing in that year a renewal process with the department. The  
7 department may not assess a fee for a renewal completed under this section. The department  
8 may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are  
9 routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

10 **2. Civil violation.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for  
11 which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

12 **3. Criminal offense.** A person who violates subsection 1 after having been previously  
13 adjudicated of a 3rd or subsequent violation of subsection 1 within the previous 5-year  
14 period commits a Class E crime.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires holders of a lifetime license to hunt, trap or fish to notify the Department  
17 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in each year the person intends to use the license by completing  
18 a renewal process with the department at no charge.