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

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CURTIS of Madison.  
Cosponsored by Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and  
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, CUSHING of Hampden, SARTY of  
Denmark, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **SUMMARY**

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