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**An Act to Clarify and Amend the Department of Inland Fisheries  
and Wildlife Licensing Laws**

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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*

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WOOD of Greene.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
3 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 C. Four representatives of the public, with no more than 3 holding a license under  
5 chapter 927, to be appointed by the Governor for a term of 3 years to reflect a wide  
6 diversity of guiding experience. At least 2 members must be chosen for their expertise  
7 in outdoor recreation. ~~The public members must be compensated as provided in Title~~  
8 ~~5, chapter 379; and~~

9 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
10 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

11 B. At the request of the commissioner, to conduct oral examinations of applicants for  
12 guide licenses; and

13 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
14 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

15 C. To advise the commissioner on granting and revoking guide licenses; and

16 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
17 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

18 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

19 4. Compensation. All members of the board except state employees are entitled to  
20 receive compensation as provided in Title 5, chapter 379.

21 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

22 5. Examiners. The board shall designate examiners for the purpose of conducting  
23 oral examinations pursuant to section 12855, subsection 6. Examiners must be selected  
24 from active or retired members of the Bureau of Warden Service, current or former board  
25 members, active or retired members of the marine patrol or currently licensed Maine  
26 guides. Designated examiners are entitled to \$150 per day plus per diem.

27 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §10155, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

28 8. Examiners. The board shall designate examiners for the purpose of conducting  
29 oral examinations pursuant to section 12855, subsection 6. Examiners must be selected  
30 from active or retired members of the Bureau of Warden Service, current or former board  
31 members or currently licensed Maine taxidermists. Designated examiners are entitled to  
32 \$150 per day plus per diem.

33 **Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §11156, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §15, is  
34 further amended to read:

35 **4. Fee.** The fee for a pheasant hunting permit is \$18 ~~\$29~~, \$1 ~~\$2~~ of which is retained  
36 by the commissioner's authorized agent.

37 **Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12855, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
38 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

39 **5. Fee.** The examination fee is \$100 ~~\$125~~. ~~An applicant may retake the examination~~  
40 ~~once without paying an additional fee.~~ The fee is nonrefundable.



1           5. It increases the fee for a pheasant hunting permit from \$18 to \$29 and increases the  
2 amount that is retained by the authorized agent of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries  
3 and Wildlife from \$1 to \$2.