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**An Act To Clarify and Simplify the Licensing and Registration  
Provisions of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 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  
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Presented by Representative HILLIARD of Belgrade.  
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and  
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HOBART of Bowdoinham, LYFORD of Eddington,  
STEARNS of Guilford, WOOD of Greene.

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

2 **PART A**

3 **Sec. A-1. 12 MRSA §10756**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
4 affected by Pt. D, §7 and c. 614, §9, is amended by adding before the last paragraph a  
5 new paragraph to read:

6 A license or permit under this section may be on paper or in electronic format.

7 **Sec. A-2. 12 MRSA §10757**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 253, §10, is further  
8 amended to read:

9 **§10757. Fraudulently obtaining or possessing license or permit**

10 A person may not obtain or possess a paper or electronic license or permit authorized  
11 in this Part through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation. A person who violates this  
12 section commits a Class E crime.

13 **Sec. A-3. 12 MRSA §10758, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
14 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

15 A person may not possess a paper or electronic license or permit issued under this  
16 Part that has been altered, tampered with or mutilated in any manner.

17 **Sec. A-4. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
18 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

19 **1. License required.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person  
20 may not engage in an activity for which a license may be issued under this section unless  
21 that person has a valid license issued under this section. An electronic license or permit  
22 fulfills the requirement under this subsection that a person must have a physical paper  
23 license or permit if the electronic license or permit can be displayed upon request to a  
24 game warden or other law enforcement officer, an employee of the department, a  
25 registered Maine guide or the owner of the land on which the licensed activity is taking  
26 place. Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for  
27 which a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee  
28 must be imposed.

29 **PART B**

30 **Sec. B-1. 12 MRSA §13155, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 340, §23, is  
31 further amended to read:

32 **9. Display of registration numbers.** Each new ATV sold in the State must have 3  
33 1/2 inch by 6 inch spaces provided on the front and rear of the machine, as high above the  
34 tires as possible, for the vertical display of the registration numbers. A person may not  
35 operate an ATV that is required to be registered under this section unless registration  
36 numbers in the form of stickers are displayed in these spaces or as otherwise required by

1 the department. A person may operate an ATV registered online without displaying a  
2 registration number until that person receives the registration certificate from the  
3 department or for 30 days after registering the ATV online, whichever occurs first.

4 A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine  
5 of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

6 B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having  
7 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period  
8 commits a Class E crime.

9 **PART C**

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

12 **1. Residents over 70 years of age.** A complimentary license to hunt, trap or fish,  
13 including an archery license under section 11109, subsection 7, a pheasant hunting permit  
14 under section 11156, a muzzle-loading ~~hunting license permit~~ permit under section 11109,  
15 subsection 4, a migratory waterfowl permit under section 11157 and a bear hunting  
16 permit under section 11151 must be issued to a resident who is 70 years of age or older  
17 upon application to the commissioner. Beginning January 1, 2016, a license holder under  
18 this subsection who qualifies to hunt during the special season on deer under section  
19 11153 must be issued one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit.

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

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

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

35 **Sec. C-2. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 145, §1 and c.  
36 404, §1, is further amended to read:

37 **4. Disabled veteran.** A resident disabled veteran or a nonresident disabled veteran  
38 who is a resident of New Hampshire or Vermont may obtain upon application, at no cost,  
39 all hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, including permits, stamps and other permission  
40 needed to hunt, trap and fish, and, upon meeting the qualifications as established in  
41 section 12853, subsection 4, a guide license. Beginning January 1, 2016, a license holder

1 under this subsection who qualifies to hunt during the special season on deer under  
2 section 11153 must be issued one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit. The  
3 commissioner shall issue all fishing, trapping and hunting licenses and permits requested  
4 under this subsection if the commissioner determines the applicant is a disabled veteran  
5 and is not otherwise ineligible to hold that permit or license. For the purposes of this  
6 subsection, "disabled veteran" means a person who:

7 A. Is a resident as defined in section 10001, subsection 53 or is a resident of New  
8 Hampshire or Vermont;

9 B. Is a veteran as defined in Title 37-B, section 505, subsection 2, paragraph A,  
10 subparagraph (3); and

11 C. Has a service-connected disability evaluated at 50% or more.

12 Each application must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant meets  
13 the requirements of this subsection. An applicant for a license or permit under this  
14 section is subject to the provisions of this Part, including, but not limited to, a lottery or  
15 drawing system for issuing a particular license or permit. A permit or license issued  
16 under this subsection remains valid for the life of the permit or license holder, as long as  
17 the permit or license holder continues to satisfy the residency requirement in section  
18 10001, subsection 53 and the permit or license is not revoked or suspended. For a  
19 resident of New Hampshire or Vermont to be eligible under this subsection, that resident's  
20 state must have a reciprocal agreement with this State.

21 **Sec. C-3. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 136, §1, is  
22 further amended to read:

23 **8. Members of federally recognized nation, band or tribe.** The commissioner  
24 shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license, including an archery hunting license  
25 under this chapter, and including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt,  
26 trap and fish, to a person, 10 years of age or older, who is an enrolled member of the  
27 Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the  
28 Aroostook Band of Micmacs that is valid for the life of that person without any charge or  
29 fee pursuant to section 11109, if the person presents certification from the respective  
30 reservation governor or the Aroostook Micmac Council stating that the person described  
31 is an enrolled member of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this  
32 subsection. Holders of these licenses are subject to this Part, including, but not limited to,  
33 a lottery or drawing system for issuing a particular license or permit. Members of a  
34 federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this subsection are exempt from the  
35 trapper evaluation program required for a license under section 12201 and the archery  
36 hunter education course under section 11106. Beginning January 1, 2016, a license  
37 holder under this subsection who qualifies to hunt during the special season on deer under  
38 section 11153 must be issued one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit.

39 **Sec. C-4. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §21,  
40 is further amended to read:

41 A. A resident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and under  
42 16 years of age, is \$7. Notwithstanding the permit fees established in subchapter 3, a

1 resident junior hunting license includes all permits, stamps and other permissions  
2 needed to hunt at no additional cost. A resident junior hunting license does not  
3 exempt the holder of the license from lottery-related application requirements under  
4 this Part except that, beginning January 1, 2016, a license holder under this paragraph  
5 who qualifies to hunt during the special season on deer under section 11153 must be  
6 issued one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit.

7 **Sec. C-5. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶F,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2013,  
8 c. 538, §22, is amended to read:

9 F. A nonresident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and  
10 under 16 years of age, is \$34. A nonresident junior hunting license does not exempt  
11 the holder of the license from lottery-related application requirements under this Part  
12 except that, beginning January 1, 2016, a license holder under this paragraph who  
13 qualifies to hunt during the special season on deer under section 11153 must be  
14 issued one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit.

15 **Sec. C-6. 12 MRSA §11153, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §8,  
16 is further amended to read:

17 **1. Special season deer hunting permits; authority to issue for special season.**  
18 The commissioner may implement a permit system to regulate hunter participation in a  
19 special season established by the commissioner pursuant to section 11402, subsection 4,  
20 paragraph B and the number, sex and age of deer harvested. A person may hunt or  
21 possess a deer of either sex during a special season on deer if that person has a valid  
22 permit issued by the commissioner. If permits are issued, the fee for ~~a deer permit other~~  
23 ~~than an antlerless deer~~ an either-sex permit is \$32 and the fee for an antlerless deer permit  
24 is \$12. Beginning January 1, 2016, the holder of a complimentary license pursuant to  
25 section 10853 who qualifies to hunt during the special season must be issued one  
26 antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit.

## 27 **PART D**

28 **Sec. D-1. 12 MRSA §11106, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 139, §2, is  
29 further amended to read:

30 **1. Age requirement.** A person is eligible to obtain an archery hunting license as  
31 provided in this section.

32 A. A resident or nonresident 16 years of age or older who has satisfied the  
33 requirements of subsection 2 or holds an apprenticeship hunter license, or who is  
34 exempt under subsection 3, may obtain an archery hunting license to hunt with bow  
35 and arrow from the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent.

36 B. A resident or nonresident 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age may  
37 hunt with bow and arrow if that person holds a valid junior hunting license.

38 Beginning January 1, 2016, for those persons who obtain a junior hunting license and turn  
39 16 years of age during the same calendar year, the archery hunting license is included  
40 even after the person has turned 16 years of age as long as that person is hunting on that

1 person's valid junior hunting license and not longer than the remainder of the calendar  
2 year for which the license is issued.

3 **Sec. D-2. 12 MRSA §11108-C, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 538, §20, is  
4 amended to read:

5 **5. Expiration of junior hunting license issued to person 15 years of age.** A junior  
6 hunting license issued to a person who is 15 years of age is valid through the calendar  
7 year for which the license is issued. Beginning January 1, 2016, for those persons who  
8 obtain a junior hunting license and turn 16 years of age during the same calendar year, a  
9 pheasant hunting permit, an archery hunting license and a migratory waterfowl permit are  
10 included even after the person has turned 16 years of age as long as that person is hunting  
11 on that person's valid junior hunting license and not longer than the remainder of the  
12 calendar year for which the license is issued. In addition to the requirements of  
13 subsection 4, all other permit requirements applicable to a person who is 16 years of age  
14 or older apply to a person who continues to hunt with a junior hunting license under this  
15 subsection after reaching that person's 16th birthday.

16 **Sec. D-3. 12 MRSA §11156, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
17 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

18 **3. Issuance.** The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent may issue a  
19 pheasant hunting permit to an applicant 16 years of age or older permitting the applicant  
20 to hunt or possess pheasants in Cumberland County and York County. A person under 16  
21 years of age may hunt or possess pheasants in accordance with this Part, except that a  
22 person under 16 years of age is not required to purchase or carry a pheasant hunting  
23 permit in order to hunt or possess pheasants.

24 Beginning January 1, 2016, for those persons who obtain a junior hunting license and turn  
25 16 years of age during the same calendar year, the pheasant hunting permit is included  
26 even after the person has turned 16 years of age as long as that person is hunting on that  
27 person's valid junior hunting license and not longer than the remainder of the calendar  
28 year for which the license is issued.

29 **Sec. D-4. 12 MRSA §11157, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
30 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

31 **2. Issuance of permit.** The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent  
32 shall issue a migratory waterfowl hunting permit to an applicant 16 years of age or older  
33 permitting the applicant to hunt or possess migratory waterfowl. A person under 16 years  
34 of age may, without a permit, hunt or possess migratory waterfowl in accordance with  
35 this Part.

36 Beginning January 1, 2016, for those persons who obtain a junior hunting license and turn  
37 16 years of age during the same calendar year, the migratory waterfowl hunting permit is  
38 included even after the person has turned 16 years of age as long as that person is hunting  
39 on that person's valid junior hunting license and not longer than the remainder of the  
40 calendar year for which the license is issued.

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**PART E**

**Sec. E-1. 12 MRSA §11106-A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 588, Pt. A, §13, is further amended to read:

**§11106-A. Eligibility for crossbow hunting license**

**1. Hunting or archery license.** A resident or nonresident 16 years of age or older who has satisfied the requirements of subsection 3 or who is exempt under subsection 4 and who holds a valid ~~big game~~ hunting or archery hunting license or an apprenticeship hunter license and archery hunting license may obtain a crossbow ~~license~~ permit to hunt with a crossbow from the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent.

**2. Junior license.** A resident or nonresident 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age may hunt with a crossbow if that person holds a valid junior hunting license.

**3. Crossbow hunter education requirements.** Except as provided in paragraph A, a person who applies for a crossbow ~~hunting license~~ permit other than a junior hunting license or an apprenticeship hunter license must submit proof of having successfully completed an archery hunting education course and a crossbow hunting course as described in section 10108 or equivalent crossbow and archery hunting education courses or satisfactory evidence of having previously held a valid adult archery and hunting license and a valid crossbow hunting licenses permit issued specifically for the purpose of hunting with a crossbow or bow and arrow in this State or any other state, province or country in any year after 1979.

When proof or evidence cannot be otherwise provided, the applicant may substitute a signed affidavit that the applicant has previously held the required adult crossbow and archery hunting license or has successfully completed the required crossbow and archery hunting education courses.

A. A person who is an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs who presents certification from the respective reservation governor or the Aroostook Micmac Council stating that the person is an enrolled member of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this paragraph is exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

**4. Crossbow hunter education course exemption for members of armed forces domiciled in State.** A member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty who is permanently stationed outside of the United States and home on leave is exempt from crossbow hunter education course requirements under subsection 3 if that member shows proof at the time of application for the license that that member's home state of record, as recorded in that person's military service records, is Maine. A person who no longer meets the requirements of this subsection must satisfy the conditions for exemption under subsection 3.

**Sec. E-2. 12 MRSA §11107, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 588, Pt. A, §14, is further amended to read:

1           **1. Hunting license.** A person 16 years of age or older at the beginning of the special  
2 season established under section 11404, subsection 1-A may obtain a muzzle-loading  
3 permit from the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent if the person  
4 possesses a valid license to hunt ~~big game~~ with firearms.

5           **Sec. E-3. 12 MRSA §11108, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 419, §4 and  
6 affected by §12, is further amended to read:

7           **1. On certain land.** Notwithstanding section 11109, subsection 1 as it applies to this  
8 subchapter, a resident over 10 years of age and a member of the resident's immediate  
9 family over 10 years of age, as long as the hunter's license to hunt is not under suspension  
10 or revocation, may hunt without a license, including, but not limited to, an archery  
11 hunting license, a crossbow hunting license permit and a muzzle-loading license permit,  
12 on a single plot of land:

- 13           A. To which they are legally entitled to possession;
- 14           B. On which they are actually domiciled;
- 15           C. That is used exclusively for agricultural purposes; and
- 16           D. That is in excess of 10 acres.

17           **Sec. E-4. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §§21 and  
18 22, is further amended to read:

19           **3. Hunting licenses; combination licenses; fees.** Hunting licenses, combination  
20 licenses and fees are as follows.

21           A. A resident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and under  
22 16 years of age, is \$7 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit  
23 requirements in subchapter 3. Notwithstanding the permit fees established in  
24 subchapter 3, a resident junior hunting license includes all permits, stamps and other  
25 permissions needed to hunt at no additional cost. A resident junior hunting license  
26 does not exempt the holder of the license from lottery-related application  
27 requirements under this Part.

28           B. A resident hunting license, for a person 16 years of age or older, is \$25 and  
29 permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter  
30 3.

31           C. A resident small game hunting license, for a person 16 years of age or older,  
32 which permits hunting for all legal species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon  
33 and bobcat, is \$14.

34           D. A resident combination hunting and fishing license is \$42 and permits hunting of  
35 all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3.

36           E. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is \$42 and permits  
37 hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3.

38           E-1. A resident apprenticeship hunter license, which includes a bear hunting permit  
39 and a wild turkey hunting permit under sections 11151 and 11155, respectively, is

1            \$25 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in  
2            subchapter 3.

3            F. A nonresident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and  
4            under 16 years of age, is \$34 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the  
5            permit requirements in subchapter 3. A nonresident junior hunting license does not  
6            exempt the holder of the license from lottery-related application requirements under  
7            this Part.

8            G. A nonresident small game hunting license, which permits hunting of all legal  
9            species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is \$74.

10           H. A nonresident 3-day small game hunting license, valid for 3 consecutive hunting  
11           days, which permits hunting of all legal species except deer, bear, turkey, moose,  
12           raccoon and bobcat for the 72-hour period specified on the license, is \$49.

13           I. A nonresident ~~big game~~ hunting license, which permits hunting of all legal species  
14           subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3, is \$114.

15           J. A nonresident combination hunting and fishing license is \$149.

16           K. An alien small game hunting license, which permits hunting of all species except  
17           deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is \$79.

18           L. An alien ~~big game~~ hunting license, which permits hunting of all legal species  
19           subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3, is \$139.

20           M. An alien combination hunting and fishing license is \$190.

21           N. A license to use leashed dogs to track wounded animals, which permits a person  
22           to use one or more leashed dogs to track a lawfully wounded deer, moose or bear, is  
23           \$27.

24           O. A nonresident small game apprenticeship hunter license, which permits the  
25           hunting of all legal species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat, is  
26           \$74.

27           P. A nonresident ~~big game~~ apprenticeship hunter license, which permits the hunting  
28           of all legal species and includes a bear hunting permit and a wild turkey hunting  
29           permit under sections 11151 and 11155, respectively, is \$114.

30           **Sec. E-5. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 419, §5 and  
31           affected by §12, is amended to read:

32           **8. Issuance of crossbow permit; agent's fee.** Clerks or other agents appointed by  
33           the commissioner to issue crossbow ~~hunting licenses~~ permits must charge a fee of \$1 for  
34           each crossbow ~~hunting license~~ permit issued. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1  
35           for each crossbow ~~hunting license~~ permit issued by department employees.

36           **Sec. E-6. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§9,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO,  
37           §5, is further amended to read:

38           **9. Crossbow permits and fees.** Crossbow ~~hunting licenses~~ permits and fees are as  
39           follows:

- 1 A. A resident crossbow ~~hunting license permit~~ is \$25;
- 2 B. A nonresident crossbow ~~hunting license permit~~ is \$55; and
- 3 C. An alien crossbow ~~hunting license permit~~ is \$79.

4 **Sec. E-7. 12 MRSA §11151, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
5 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

6 **2. Eligibility; hunting or archery license required.** A person who possesses a  
7 valid ~~hunting or archery hunting~~ license ~~to hunt big game~~ may obtain a permit to hunt for  
8 bear from the commissioner or an authorized agent.

9 **Sec. E-8. 12 MRSA §11151-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 168, §4 and  
10 affected by §8, is amended to read:

11 **2. Eligibility; nonresident late season bear hunting permit.** A person who  
12 possesses a valid nonresident ~~hunting or archery hunting~~ license ~~to hunt big game~~ may  
13 obtain a permit to hunt for bear from the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized  
14 agent.

15 **Sec. E-9. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§4**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and  
16 amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §126 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

17 **4. Hunting license required.** While hunting moose, the permittee and the  
18 subpermittee shall each have in that person's possession a valid Maine resident,  
19 nonresident or alien ~~big game~~ ~~hunting or archery hunting~~ license, whichever is applicable.

20 Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which  
21 a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be  
22 imposed.

23 **Sec. E-10. 12 MRSA §11155, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III,  
24 §11, is amended to read:

25 **1-A. Eligibility; hunting or archery license required.** A person who possesses a  
26 valid ~~hunting or archery hunting~~ license ~~to hunt big game~~ may obtain a permit to hunt for  
27 wild turkey from the commissioner or an authorized agent.

28 **PART F**

29 **Sec. F-1. 12 MRSA §12953, sub-§3, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A,  
30 §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

31 C. The application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of ~~\$10~~ \$50.

32 **Sec. F-2. 12 MRSA §12953, sub-§§4 and 5**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt.  
33 A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, are amended to read:

34 **4. Examination.** An applicant for a license shall appear at a time and place  
35 designated by the commissioner to be examined by means of written, practical and oral  
36 tests as the commissioner determines. The commissioner shall determine the form and

1 content of examinations. The examination fee is \$50 and is nonrefundable. An applicant  
2 may retake the examination once without paying an additional examination fee.

3 **5. Reexamination.** The commissioner may require a taxidermist to be reexamined if  
4 the commissioner receives a written complaint and, upon investigation, finds that the  
5 taxidermist no longer meets the qualifications to be licensed as a taxidermist. Beginning  
6 January 1, 2016, an examination is also required for any person who allows the person's  
7 license to lapse or who has not held a valid taxidermist license within the previous 3  
8 years.

9 **Sec. F-3. 12 MRSA §12953, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §34,  
10 is further amended to read:

11 **6. License and fee.** License applicants who successfully meet the qualifications set  
12 forth in this section must be issued a license upon payment of a ~~\$67~~ \$77 fee for a 3-year  
13 license. This fee is in addition to the ~~\$12~~ \$50 examination fee.

14 **Sec. F-4. 12 MRSA §12953, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §35,  
15 is further amended to read:

16 **7. Renewal of license; fees.** Licenses issued pursuant to this section run for a period  
17 of 3 years, from the current year of issuance until the 30th day of June following the date  
18 of the in the 3rd year after issuance, on which date the license terminates unless it is  
19 revoked sooner. ~~Subject to any revocation or suspension, A taxidermist whose license is~~  
20 ~~not suspended or revoked may renew the license or permit may be renewed annually~~  
21 every 3 years upon application by the licensee accompanied by a \$77 license fee.

## 22 SUMMARY

23 This bill amends the inland fisheries and wildlife laws.

24 Part A provides for the use of electronic licenses and permits.

25 Part B requires ATV registration numbers to be displayed by means of stickers.

26 Part C provides that, beginning January 1, 2016, a license holder, including a holder  
27 of a complimentary license, who hunts during a special season on deer implemented by  
28 the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to maintain a deer population must be  
29 issued one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit, which is a new permit title  
30 established in the law governing special seasons.

31 Part D allows holders of junior hunting licenses, after they turn 16 years of age, to  
32 hunt pheasants and migratory waterfowl and to hunt with a bow and arrow for the  
33 remainder of the calendar year for which their licenses are issued without their having to  
34 purchase pheasant permits, migratory waterfowl permits or archery hunting licenses.

35 Part E removes references to big game licenses, changes references to crossbow and  
36 muzzle-loading licenses to crossbow and muzzle-loading permits and clarifies that  
37 hunting licenses allow the hunting of all legal species, subject to permit requirements.

1           Part F amends the license application and testing process for taxidermists to increase  
2 the application fee from \$10 to \$50, set the examination fee at \$50, require the  
3 examination of all persons who allow their licenses to lapse or who have not held a  
4 license within the previous 3 years, increase the license fee from \$67 to \$77, which is the  
5 current renewal fee, and make the license a 3-year license.