

Testimony in Support of LD 223
An Act To Clarify Maine's Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws

February 8, 2021

Senator Dill, Representative Landry and Members of the Committee:

The Maine Trappers Association urges your support on LD 223.

In 2020, the Maine Trappers Association had identified the nonresident junior trapping license fee as a significant barrier to entry for nonresident junior trappers that may wish to accompany a family member or friend on a trip to Maine.

Because the current license fee system does not distinguish between nonresident adult and nonresident junior trappers, the current cost for a nonresident junior is \$318.00. LD 223 would make resident and nonresident junior trapping licenses \$10. That is a meaningful difference for a parent or a mentor from away who is contemplating bringing a junior trapper to Maine.

In a time when we are striving to recruit more youth to hunting, trapping and angling, these opportunities to lower and eliminate barriers to entry are extremely important and we appreciate the Department's consideration and support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

James Cote
Maine Trappers Association