

**TESTIMONY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
IN SUPPORT OF L.D. 223**

**“An Act to Clarify Maine’s Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Registration Laws”**

**SPONSORED BY: Representative ALLEY of Beals**

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Good morning Senator Dill, Representative Landry and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Bill Swan, Director of Licensing and Registration at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking on behalf of the Department, in support of **L.D. 223**.

**L.D. 223** proposes 3 different changes to current law. The first of the proposed changes relates to snowmobile registrations. Currently, the registration for any snowmobile registered between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of that year. The change would provide that the registration for any snowmobile registered between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> would expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The proposed change would make snowmobile registrations consistent with ATV registrations in this regard.

The second proposed law change relates to junior trapping licenses. Currently, the fee for a resident junior trapping license is \$10 and the fee for a nonresident junior trapping license is \$318. The law change proposes to allow a nonresident youth to purchase a trapping license for the same \$10 fee as a resident youth. This change supports the Department’s R3 efforts to provide lower cost opportunities for youth to engage in the activities we manage.

The third proposed law change relates to a reinstatement fee to be paid by a person who has had their license, permit, or registration suspended or revoked. Current law allows for a reinstatement fee of \$25 for some but not all suspensions or revocations. The proposed law change would establish that a reinstatement fee would apply for all suspensions or revocations of Department licenses, permits, or registrations. Further, it is proposed that the reinstatement fee be increased to \$50 to be more in line with the administrative costs incurred with suspensions and revocations.

I would be glad to answer any questions at this time or during the work session.