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An Act To Increase the Amount Retained by Agents Who Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses

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

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

2. Hunting licenses; agent's fee. Clerks or other agents appointed by the commissioner to issue licenses and permits shall charge a fee of ~~\$2~~\$3 for each hunting license issued. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1 for each hunting license issued by department employees.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. E, §6, is further amended to read:

4. Muzzle-loading permit; issuance and agent's fee. The commissioner, through the commissioner's agent, shall issue muzzle-loading permits to eligible persons. The issuing agent shall charge a fee of ~~\$1~~\$3 for each permit issued.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and as affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

6. Issuance of archery hunting license; agent's fee. Clerks or other agents appointed by the commissioner to issue archery hunting licenses must charge a fee of ~~\$1~~\$3 for each archery hunting license issued. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1 for each archery hunting license issued by department employees.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 419, §5 and as affected by §12, is amended to read:

8. Issuance of crossbow hunting license; agent's fee. Clerks or other agents appointed by the commissioner to issue crossbow hunting licenses must charge a fee of ~~\$1~~\$3 for each crossbow hunting license issued. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1 for each crossbow hunting license issued by department employees.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and as affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

3. Agent's fee. Clerks or other agents appointed by the commissioner to issue licenses shall charge a fee of ~~\$2~~\$3 for each license issued. The commissioner shall charge a fee of \$1 for each fishing license issued by department employees.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and as affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4. Exchange of licenses. A license issued under this section may not be exchanged for another license except as provided in this subsection. Temporary licenses may be exchanged for annual licenses as follows.

A. A resident who possesses a one-day or 3-day fishing license may exchange it in the municipality in which that person resides for an annual resident fishing license or a resident combination hunting and fishing license upon the payment to the clerk or issuing agent of ~~\$2~~\$3 and the difference between the fee for the one-day or 3-day license and the fee for the annual license.

B. A nonresident who possesses a 15-day nonresident fishing license may exchange it for an annual nonresident license upon the additional payment of \$12, the difference between the fee for the 15-day license and the fee for the annual license, and ~~\$2~~\$3 to the clerk or issuing agent.

SUMMARY

This bill increases to \$3 the fees charged for issuing hunting and fishing licenses and permits by agents and clerks appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.