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An Act To Promote Youth Hunting License Sales

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10851, as amended by PL 2007, c. 651, §9, is further amended to read:

§ 10851.Lifetime licenses

1. Infants, youth and seniors. The following resident lifetime licenses may be purchased:

A. For a residentperson who is less than 6 years of age:

(1) An infant ~~resident~~ lifetime fishing license. The fee for an infant ~~resident~~ lifetime fishing license is \$150 for a resident and \$450 for a nonresident;

(2) An infant ~~resident~~ lifetime hunting license. The fee for an infant ~~resident~~ lifetime hunting license is \$150 for a resident and \$450 for a nonresident;

(3) An infant ~~resident~~ lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for an infant ~~resident~~ lifetime archery hunting license is \$150 for a resident and \$450 for a nonresident;

(3-A) An infant ~~resident~~ lifetime trapping license. The fee for an infant ~~resident~~ lifetime trapping license is \$150 for a resident and \$450 for a nonresident;

(4) An infant ~~resident~~ combination of any 2 lifetime licenses. The fee for an infant ~~resident~~ combination of any 2 lifetime licenses is \$250 for a resident and \$750 for a nonresident; and

(5) An infant ~~resident~~ combination of any 3 lifetime licenses. The fee for an infant ~~resident~~ combination of any 3 lifetime licenses is \$400 for a resident and \$1,200 for a nonresident;

B. For a residentperson from 6 to 15 years of age:

(1) A junior ~~resident~~ lifetime fishing license. The fee for a junior ~~resident~~ lifetime fishing license is \$300 for a resident and \$900 for a nonresident;

(2) A junior ~~resident~~ lifetime hunting license. The fee for a junior ~~resident~~ lifetime hunting license is \$300 for a resident and \$900 for a nonresident;

(3) A junior resident lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for a junior resident lifetime archery hunting license is \$300 for a resident and \$900 for a nonresident;

(3-A) A junior resident lifetime trapping license. The fee for a junior resident lifetime trapping license is \$300 for a resident and \$900 for a nonresident;

(4) A junior resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses. The fee for a junior resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses is \$500 for a resident and \$1,500 for a nonresident; and

(5) A junior resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses. The fee for a junior resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses is \$800 for a resident and \$2,400 for a nonresident;

C. For a resident from 65 to 69 years of age:

(1) A senior resident lifetime fishing license. The fee for a senior resident lifetime fishing license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age;

(2) A senior resident lifetime hunting license. The fee for a senior resident lifetime hunting license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age;

(3) A senior resident lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for a senior resident lifetime archery hunting license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age;

(3-A) A senior resident lifetime trapping license. The fee for a senior resident lifetime trapping license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$10 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age;

(4) A senior resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses. The fee for a senior resident combination of any 2 lifetime licenses is \$80 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$64 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$48 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$32 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$16 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age; and

(5) A senior resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses. The fee for a senior resident combination of any 3 lifetime licenses is \$110 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$94 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$78 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$52 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 68 years of age and \$26 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 69 years of age; and

D. For a resident 70 years of age or older. A person who holds a valid senior lifetime license under this section upon turning 70 years of age may obtain at no cost all hunting permits and licenses authorized in this Part and may renew at no cost a guide license under section 12853. A person who is 70 years of age or older may purchase a senior lifetime license that entitles the holder to all the privileges described in this paragraph for a one-time \$8 fee.

A person must be a resident to purchase a senior resident lifetime license under this section ~~paragraphs C and D~~. Once purchased, a resident lifetime license is valid for the life of the holder without regard to subsequent changes in the legal residence of the holder. The license entitles the holder to all fishing or hunting privileges extended to residents or nonresidents as applicable of that same age who hold the equivalent annual license and subjects the holder to all limitations and prerequisites on those fishing or hunting privileges that apply to residents or nonresidents of that same age who hold the equivalent annual license.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if the commissioner determines that the sale of lifetime licenses for persons 65 years of age or older will result in a loss of license revenue to the department in any fiscal year, the commissioner shall withhold from deposit to the fund established in section 10251 an amount necessary to avoid that loss in revenue. Money withheld under this paragraph may be withheld only from revenue from the sale of lifetime licenses to persons 65 years of age or older. This paragraph is repealed on July 1, 2010.

Sec. 2. Report on the sale of lifetime licenses to nonresidents. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report on the administration and sale of lifetime licenses to nonresidents to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no later than January 5, 2011. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature regarding matters related to the report.

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