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**An Act To Establish the Review Board of Appeals To Review the  
Denial of Hunting and Fishing Licenses**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative WOOD of Sabattus and  
Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, HASKELL of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford,  
SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, SHAW of Standish.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§49-D** is enacted to read:

3 **49-D.**

4 Inland Fisheries      Review Board of      Not Authorized      12 MRSA §10158  
5 and Wildlife          Appeals

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10158** is enacted to read:

7 **§10158. Review Board of Appeals**

8 The Review Board of Appeals for the review of hunting and fishing license denials is  
9 established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 49-D and referred to in this section as  
10 "the board."

11 **1. Membership.** The 3-member board consists of the commissioner or the  
12 commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's  
13 designee and the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.

14 **2. Staff assistance.** The department shall provide staff assistance as necessary.

15 **3. Duties.** Upon petition by the department or a person denied a license or permit  
16 that may be issued pursuant to subpart 4, the board shall conduct a hearing to review the  
17 denial and consider information presented at that hearing by the department and the  
18 aggrieved party. Based on information obtained at the hearing, the board may  
19 recommend to the department that it sustain or rescind the department's denial of the  
20 permit or license or recommend any other remedy the board determines reasonable.

21 **4. Quorum.** Two members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
22 business.

23 **5. Compensation.** Members of the board are not entitled to compensation.

24 **6. Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this  
25 section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined  
26 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill establishes the Review Board of Appeals within the Department of Inland  
29 Fisheries and Wildlife to review hunting and fishing license denials by the department.