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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 230, L.D. 799, Bill, "An Act to Limit the Type of Hunting Equipment Used by Hunters Who Have Already Tagged a Deer"

Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of paragraph N (page 1, lines 22 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'N. Has already tagged a deer and hunts during the open firearm season on deer or the December muzzle-loading deer hunting season by any method other than with a shotgun and bird shot or hunts during those seasons while possessing any ammunition larger than bird shot, unless the person is a moose permittee or subpermittee hunting in that person's respective zone.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial

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Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

SUMMARY

This is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee
on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

This amendment clarifies that the prohibition on certain
types of equipment applies only during the open firearm season on
deer and the December black powder deer season.