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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 697, L.D. 961, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Artificial Devices by Game Wardens for the Purpose of Causing Hunting Violations"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "artificial device" the following: 'during daylight hours' and in the last line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "purpose" the following: 'during daylight hours'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class E crimes. If jail sentences are reduced, the savings to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These savings do not affect reimbursement by the State. The reduction in the number of prosecutions that would have resulted in a jail sentence and the resulting savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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

This amendment prohibits the use of artificial devices during daylight hours to induce a person to violate the hunting laws of the State.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.