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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 46, L.D. 50, Bill, "An Act To Ban Remote-control Hunting"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1344, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 765, §3, is amended to read:

**§1344. Violation; penalties**

1. Operating commercial large game shooting area without license. A person who operates a commercial large game shooting area without a license issued under section 1342 is guilty of a Class E crime.

1-A. Remote-control hunting. A person who owns or operates a commercial large game shooting area that uses remote-control hunting in violation of section 1347 commits a Class E crime.

2. Civil violations. Except for operating a commercial large game shooting area without a license or using remote-control hunting as provided in subsections 1 and 1-A, a person who violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$500 for a first violation and not to exceed \$1,000 for a 2nd violation may be adjudged.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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3. **Revocation of license.** The commissioner may revoke a license issued under section 1342 for any violation of this chapter or rule adopted pursuant to this chapter or any violation of chapter 739 or Title 17, chapter 42, subchapter ~~III~~ 3.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1347 is enacted to read:

§1347. Remote-control hunting

An owner or operator of a commercial large game shooting area may not use a website or a service or business via any other means that permits a person to shoot or attempt to shoot any large game that is located in this State through the use of a computer-controlled gun, shooting apparatus or any other remote-control device when the person using the website, service or business is physically removed from the immediate vicinity of the large game animal.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12103 is enacted to read:

§12103. Remote-control hunting

An owner or operator of a commercial shooting area may not use a website or a service or business via any other means that permits a person to hunt or attempt to hunt a wild animal or wild bird that is located in this State through the use of a computer-controlled gun, shooting apparatus or any other remote-control device when the person using the website, service or business is physically removed from the immediate vicinity of the wild animal or wild bird.

A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and prohibits the owner or operator of a commercial shooting area or a commercial large game shooting area from using a website or a service or business via any other means that permits a person to hunt large game, wild animals or game birds that are located in this State through the use of a computer-controlled gun, shooting apparatus or any other remote-control device when the person using the website, service or business is physically removed from the immediate vicinity of the large game, wild animal or game bird. This amendment makes a violation of this prohibition a Class E crime.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Ban Remote-control Hunting

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A*

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes a new Class E crime.

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