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L.D. 609
(Filing No. H-550)

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 422, L.D. 609, Bill, "An Act To Provide an Incentive to Nonresident Landowners Who Own More than 250 Acres To Keep That Land Open for Hunting"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Allow a Nonresident Landowner Who Owns 25 or More Acres of Land To Hunt on Residents-only Deer Hunting Day'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11401, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Notwithstanding paragraph B, subparagraph 3, a nonresident who owns 25 or more acres of land in the State and leaves that property open to hunting, holds a valid hunting license and is not otherwise prohibited by law may hunt deer on the Saturday preceding the first day of open season on deer.

This paragraph is repealed on September 15, 2018.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and allows a nonresident who owns 25 or more acres of land in Maine and leaves that property open to hunting and holds a valid hunting license to hunt on the Saturday preceding the first day of the open season on deer, otherwise known as residents-only deer hunting day. It also repeals this provision on September 15, 2018.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 609

LR 1583(02)

An Act To Provide an Incentive to Nonresident Landowners Who Own More than 250 Acres To Keep That Land Open for Hunting

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-550)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Minor IF&W cost increase - General Fund
Minor Judicial savings - General Fund
Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Eliminates Class E crimes.
A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow certain non-resident landowners to hunt deer on the Saturday preceding the first day of open season on deer is expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. This permission to hunt is repealed on September 15, 2018.