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L.D. 1717

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1228, L.D. 1717, Bill, "An Act To Clarify and Correct Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 2 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§§11-A and 28-A are enacted to read:

11-A. Crossbow. "Crossbow" means a device for propelling an arrow or bolt by means of traverse limbs and a string, mounted on a stock and having a working mechanical trigger safety device and a minimum draw weight of 100 pounds.

28-A. Hand-held bow or bow. "Hand-held bow" or "bow" means a device for propelling an arrow by means of limbs and a string that is hand held, hand drawn and held in a drawn position by hand or a hand-held mechanical release. "Hand-held bow" or "bow" includes a compound bow, a recurve bow and a long bow.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 8 and 9 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §12602, last ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime. The court shall also impose a fine of \$20 for each fish unlawfully possessed, none of which may be suspended, except that, in the case of smelt limits, the court shall impose a fine of \$20 for each quart over the limit, none of which may be suspended.

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12661, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 301, §39, is further amended to read:

A. Must remove or cause to be removed the shack or structure on the ice of any inland waters ~~prior to the earlier of the date of ice out or 3 days after the close of the ice fishing season established pursuant to section 12454; or;~~

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/30/19 *mac*

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An Act To Clarify and Correct Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-492)*

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a result of technical and grammatical updates to the laws regarding the use of crossbows, the prohibition on hunting from vehicles or watercraft, the prohibition on carrying firearms while hunting, the trapping of beaver, smelt fishing violations and the timing of the removal of ice fishing shacks are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.