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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

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LD: 103

AN ACT AUTHORIZING OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO HAVE THE POWERS OF STATE GAME WARDENS

CONNERS

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report

GOV

SUMMARY:

The current statutes give the powers of warden to special agents of the federal government. This bill broadens the term to officers. This change will permit 3 more federal officers to have the powers of state game wardens and enforce the laws of this State.

LD:

104 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A TRESPASS REMINDER ON

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

JACQUES MCGOWAN ROTONDI DEXTER PUBLIC

CH # 90

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted

SENATE Enacted

GOV SIGNED

H-33 CA

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SUMMARY:

Hunters are allowed to hunt on private property unless it is posted. This bill is to encourage hunters to seek permission from the landowner before proceeding to hunt. It is felt that this will act to mitigate an increasing incidence of posting of private land.

Committee Amendment A changes the wording of the notice to be placed on the license. The change is to insure that the license does not give the impression that it is a legal requirement that permission must be obtained before someone may hunt.

LD: 111 EMERGENCY AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM FEE FOR WHITEWATER GUIDES LICENSES

JACQUES USHER PEARSON PUBLIC

CH # 29

MCGOWAN

OTP

HOUSE Emerg. Enacted SENATE Emerg. Enacted GOV EMER SIGNED

CHEK SIGNED

SUMMARY:

This bill amends existing law to establish a uniform annual fee for the issuance of a whitewater guide's license. Under existing law, a person may obtain a license pursuant to the Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7301, which license allows the recipient to hunt and fish as well as to engage in one of various classes of guiding activities as established by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and

Wildlife. In addition, the guide's license fee is different for residents, nonresidents and aliens. Whitewater guides do not necessarily engage in hunting and fishing, and a substantial proportion of them are nonresidents. This bill eliminates the requirement that whitewater guides be licensed to hunt and fish and establishes a flat license fee.

LD: 129 AN ACT TO RESTRICT MOOSE HUNTING TO BULL MACBRIDE MOOSE ONLY

I U--WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill is to limit the moose hunting season to the taking of bull moose only.

LD: 130 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE LENGTH OF THE DEER MACBRIDE HUNTING SEASON

ONTP

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill is to shorten the length of the open season on deer by 2 weeks.

LD: 131 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPEN SEASON ON PARTRIDGE

MACBRIDE

ONTP

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill is to provide that the open season on hunting partridge shall not extend later than November 15th. Currently it may extend until November 30th.

LD: 132 AN ACT TO INSTITUTE THE HUNTING OF SMALL GAME ON SUNDAYS

CONNERS

L.U.-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill permits the hunting of small game on Sunday.