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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 609, L.D. 807, Bill, "AN ACT  
Relating to Field Trials for Dogs."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the Title and inserting  
in place thereof the following new Title: ' AN ACT Relating to  
Field Trials for Sporting Dogs.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end of that part  
designated "Sec. 2." and before the Statement of Fact, a new section  
to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. R. S., T. 7, § 3554-A, additional. Title 7 of the  
Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3554-A, to read  
as follows:

§ 3554-A. Field trials for sporting dogs

Upon application of any incorporated or unincorporated club or  
organization having in its membership 25 or more members who are  
citizens who have been residents of the State for at least 6 months  
immediately prior to making application and the payment of a fee of  
\$10, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game may at its discretion  
issue a license to such club or organization to hold at the time and  
place stated in such license a field trial for sporting dogs for the  
purpose of demonstrating the skill of such dogs in retrieving dead  
or wounded game birds. A separate application shall be filed for  
each field trial proposed to be held by any such club or organization.

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Such license when issued shall authorize members of the licensee to shoot and kill with firearms, under supervision of a representative of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, game birds propagated or legally acquired by members of the licensee and released by members of the licensee at the field trial held at the time and place specified in such license, but only during the daylight hours and only with the consent of the owner of or person having legal control of the land on which such field trial is held. Before any game bird so shot is consumed or removed from the premises, a representative of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game shall attach a tag thereto. Such tag shall be furnished by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game for a reasonable fee and shall remain attached to the bird until the same is prepared for consumption. Licensees shall pay the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game for services of its representative at such field trials at the rate of \$15 per day. Persons participating in any such field trial pursuant to this section shall not be required to have hunting licenses. Game birds so released or shot pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to be wild birds.

Sporting dogs as defined by the American Kennel Club are to include, pointers, retrievers, setters, spaniels, vizslas, weimaraners and wirehaired pointing griffons.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment is needed in order to allow all sporting dogs with retrieving instinct the opportunity to test their abilities in retrieving dead or crippled game birds at field trials.

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Committee Amendment to H.P. 609, L.D. 807

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

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