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## STATE OF MAINE SENATE 106TH LEGISLATURE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 645, L. D. 1980, Bill, "AN ACT to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Fish and Game Laws."

Amend said Bill by adding after section 8 a new section 8-A to read as follows:

'Sec. 8-A. R. S., T. 12, § 2304, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2304 to read as follows:

## § 2304. Information on licenses

The commissioner may require an identification number and any other pertinent information, on any or all licenses issued by the department, as he deems necessary.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 9.

Further amend said Bill in section 9-A by striking out in the 8th line (7th line of L.D.) the underlined word and punctuation "bear,"

Further amend said Bill in section 9-A by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows:

'This section shall in no way prohibit taking or killing of bear found doing damage to blueberry land.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 27.

Further amend said Bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

(Friling No. 4-592)

## Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are:

- 1. To permit the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to require an identification number on fish and game licenses.
- 2. Section 9 of the bill has already been enacted and signed by the Governor by virtue of separate legislation.
- 3. To permit the taking of bear when doing damage to blueberry lands as originally intended by this legislation.

  A bear can do substantial damage to a blueberry crop by eating, rolling and destruction of beehives used for pollenation.
- 4. Deletion of section 27 will prohibit Sunday hunting for commercial shooting areas.

Reported by the Committee of Conference.

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