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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1157, L.D. 1451, Bill, "AN ACT Prohibiting the Shooting of Hunting or Sporting Dogs."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'12 MRSA §2953-A, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 85, §28, is further amended to read:

§2953-A. Shooting domestic animals^{, dogs}/or birds; penalty

~~Whoever, while on a hunting trip or in the pursuit of wild game or game birds, negligently or carelessly or~~ willfully shoots and wounds, or kills any domestic animals or birds or dogs shall be ~~subject to the penalties provided in section 3060~~ punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, which fine shall not be suspended, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both. The commissioner, upon receiving a written note of the final disposition, shall revoke or suspend the current license or the right to hunt or the right to obtain a hunting license for a period not less than one year after such final disposition. Nothing in this section shall interfere with a duly authorized officer in the performance of his duties.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment makes the careless, negligent or willful shooting or wounding of a hunting dog a criminal offense.

Reported by the Committee of Fisheries and Wildlife.

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