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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1049)
107TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1933, L.D. 2121, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Fish and Game Laws."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1955, first sentence is amended to read:
An advisory council, as heretofore appointed by the Governor with
the advice and consent of the ^{Executive} Council, shall consist of 7 members,
~~chosen one from each of the councilor districts.~~ chosen in the
following manner: One member to represent Oxford and York Counties;
one member to represent Cumberland County; one member to represent
Sagadahoc, Androscoggin and Franklin Counties; one member to
represent Kennebec and Somerset Counties; one member to represent
Hancock, Waldo, Knox and Lincoln Counties; one member to represent
Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties and one member to represent
Aroostook and Washington Counties.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 2-A. 12 MRSA §1972, first ¶, 3rd, 4th and 5th sentences,
as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 590, §3 and as last
amended by PL 1975, c. 497, §3, are further amended to read:

'The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is authorized to register and assign a registration number to all snowmobiles, upon application and payment of an annual fee of ~~12-50~~ 11 by the owner. The resident registration fee shall be credited as follows: ~~5-50~~ 4 of each fee shall be credited to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; \$1 of each fee shall be credited ~~by~~ to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation and \$6 of each fee shall be annually distributed to the municipality of the owner's residence as shown on his registration certificate, except that in unorganized townships \$6 of each fee shall be annually distributed to the county of the owner's residence as shown on his registration certificate. The nonresident registration fee shall be credited as follows: ~~7-50~~ 7 of each fee shall be credited to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and ~~5~~ 4 of each fee shall be credited to the Parks and Recreation Snowmobile Trail Fund.

Sec. 2-B. 12 MRSA §1972, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 414, §1, and as last amended by PL 1975, c. 590, §4, is further amended to read:

Whoever transfers the ownership or permanently discontinues the use of a registered snowmobile and applies for registration of another snowmobile in the same registration year shall be entitled to a certificate of registration upon payment of a transfer fee of \$2 and shall not be required to pay the regular registration fee of ~~12-50~~ 11.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before section 3 the following:

'Sec. 2-C. 12 MRSA §2355-D, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 181 and as amended by PL 1975, c. 266, §2, is further amended to read:

§2355-D. Hunting bear with dogs

It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons hunting together, to use more than 4 6 dogs at any one time for the purpose of hunting bear.'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out in the 3rd line from the end (same in L.D.) the following: "\$3.25" and inserting in place thereof the following: '\$5'

Further amend said Bill in section 4 by striking out in the 3rd line from the end (same in L.D.) the underlined words "or attached to"

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §2402, 7th ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 231, §9 and as amended by PL 1971, c. 403, §22, is repealed.

Sec. 5-A. 12 MRSA §2402, next to the last ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 739, §8, is repealed.'

Further amend said Bill in section 6-A by striking out in the 6th line (5th line in L.D.) the following: "\$1" and inserting in place thereof the following: '~~\$1~~ \$5' and in the 8th line (7th line in L.D.) the following: "\$15" and inserting in place thereof the following: '~~\$15~~ \$20'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end the following new section:

'Sec. 18. Amendatory clause. Any reference in this Act to the Executive Council shall be deleted from this Act as of January 1, 1977.'

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

Fiscal Note

Atlantic Sea Run
The/Salmon Commission funds will be increased by \$3,200,
and
/The hunting stamp funds for pheasant increased by \$27,000./ The
snowmobile license fees will be decreased by \$105,000.

Statement of Fact

This amendment will decrease the total license fees collected and decrease the amount allocated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by \$105,000. In addition, it will provide funds for the development of trails in the unorganized townships. It will increase the pheasant stamp by \$1.75. Also, this amendment

Atlantic Sea Run
will increase the funds available to the Salmon Commission by
\$3,200. An increase in the number of dogs to be used in hunting
to the bill.
bear is provided by a new section / Also, the new sections
provide for the change necessary upon enactment of L.D. 2197
(Executive Council) and amendments thereto.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

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House.

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