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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 865, L.D. 1053, Bill, "AN ACT to Expedite Court Handling of Fish and Wildlife Violations of a Misdemeanor Nature by a System of Convenient Payment."

Amend the bill in subsection 15, paragraph C, in the first underlined line by striking out the word "Any" and inserting in its place and punctuation the following underlined words/: 'Unless prohibited from doing so by the warden issuing the violation notice, any'

Statement of Fact

Under the Bill, the Chief Judge would designate certain fisheries and wildlife violations for which the violator would be given the option of appearing in court, or admitting guilt and making payment of a fine to a court violation clerk.

The purpose of this amendment is to grant game wardens the discretionary authority to require a court appearance of persons charged with an offense normally handled by payment of a fine to a violations' clerk, whenever that game warden feels that circumstances of the violation necessitate a court appearance.

Filed by Mr. McKean of Limestone.

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