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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1031, L.D. 1278, Bill,
"AN ACT to Establish a Licensing Fee for Bow and Arrow Hunting
and Fishing."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting
in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Establish a Licensing Fee for Bow and Arrow
Hunting in Combination with a Fishing License.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

' 12 MRSA §§2501 and 2502, as amended, are repealed
and the following enacted in their place:

§2501. Seasons

The following seasons shall be established for persons
hunting with bow and arrow only.

1. Special open season for deer. There shall be a special
open season from the first Monday of October to the beginning
of the regular deer hunting season as described in section
2353 for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.

2. Open season. It shall be legal to hunt any wild animal
by bow and arrow during any open season on that animal.

§2502. License; tags

The commissioner shall issue an archery license which shall
allow persons to hunt deer during the special archery season
described in section 2501, and to hunt any wild animal, including

deer, by bow and arrow during any open season on that animal.

Archery licenses and fees are established as follows:

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| 1. Resident archery license | \$ 7.50 |
| 2. Combination resident archery hunting and
fishing license, to be available from the
department in Augusta only | 12.50 |
| 3. Nonresident archery license | 30.50 |

The issuing agent shall retain a fee of 50¢ for each license issued. Archery deer tags shall be issued for use in the same manner as regular deer tags. If a person does take a deer with bow and arrow during the open season on deer, he is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year.

Section 2401, subsection 1, shall not apply to archery licenses.

No resident under the age of 10 years and no nonresident under the age of 12 years shall hunt with bow and arrow at any time. Any resident between the ages of 10 and 16 years and any nonresident between the ages of 12 and 16 years, who hunts under section 2501, shall purchase an archery license with the written consent of a parent or guardian and shall be accompanied at all times while hunting by a parent or guardian or an adult approved by a parent or guardian.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment allows archers to purchase one hunting license which will be good for all open seasons on any wild animal, in addition to a special archery season for deer. Currently persons wishing to hunt with bow and arrow must purchase

one license to hunt during the open archery season on deer, and a 2nd license to hunt throughout the remainder of the year. This amendment also creates a combination hunting and fishing license for resident archery hunters, which is similar to the combination hunting and fishing license for persons hunting with firearms.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
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