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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-248)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 493, L.D. 619, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for a Junior Archery License."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'12 MRSA §2502, last ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 452, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

No person under 12 years of age may hunt with bow and arrow. Any person 12 years of age or older and under 16 may hunt under this chapter, provided he holds a valid junior hunting license, and is accompanied at all times while hunting by a parent or guardian or an adult approved by a parent or guardian.'

Fiscal Note

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife estimates that approximately 14% of resident hunting licenses or combinations thereof for the regular firearm season are to individuals age 16 or under. Using the same percentage for bow hunters would give us approximately 400 junior bow hunters. Using the assumption that 400 junior bow hunters would have bought the regular \$7.50 archery license as well as the \$1.50 junior license for firearms, it would be feasible to say that the net cost to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by amending LD 619 would be approximately \$2,800.

Statement of Fact

This amendment allows junior hunters to hunt deer during

the special archery season, as long as they have a junior hunting license and are accompanied by an adult.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife  
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