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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-919)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1879, L.D. 1962, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws of Maine."

Amend the Bill in section 1, in that part designated "\$7055." in the last 2 lines by striking out the punctuation and words ", and shall receive for similar services the same fees as those of game wardens" and inserting in / ^{their} place the following:
~~'-and-shall-receive-for-similar-services-the-same-fees-as-these of-game-wardens'~~

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7131-A is enacted to read:

§7131-A. Trapping license

1. Eligibility.

A. Any resident 16 years of age or older is eligible to purchase a resident trapping license.

B. Any resident 10 years of age or older and under 16/^{years of age} is eligible to purchase a resident trapping license.

C. Any resident under 10 years of age may trap without a license.

D. Any nonresident is eligible to purchase a nonresident trapping license.

2. Issuance. The commissioner may issue a license to engage in trapping.

3. Expiration. A resident junior trapping license issued to a person who has passed his 15th birthday is valid through the calendar year for while the license was issued.

4. Schedule of fees.

A. Resident trapping.....\$15

B. Resident junior trapping.....\$5

(10 years of age or older and under 16)

C. Nonresident trapping.....\$255

5. Restrictions.

A. Any resident under 10 years of age shall be accompanied at all times while trapping by a parent or guardian or an adult approved by a parent or guardian.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

'Sec. 12-4. 12 MRSA §7352, sub-§1, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, §32, is amended to read:

The commissioner may issue a hide dealer's license permitting a person to commercially:'

Further amend the Bill in section 15 by striking out all of the last underlined sentence and inserting in its place the following:

'For purposes of this subsection, "tropical fish" means any species of fish that cannot survive the year round in a wild environment north of 30 degrees north latitude or south of 30 degrees south latitude.'

Further amend the Bill in section 17, subsection 2, paragraph B, in the 2nd line (same in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "beaver" and inserting in its place the underlined word 'water'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after section 18 the following:

'Sec. 18-A. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§9, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 543, §39, is amended to read:

C. Counsels or otherwise aids in ~~procuring~~ buying, selling, offering for sale or bartering a bear.

Sec. 18-B. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§15, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 543, §40, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. Notwithstanding subsection 9, the head and hide of any bear may be sold,

Sec. 18-C. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

C. Counsels or otherwise aids in ~~procuring~~ buying, selling, offering for sale or bartering a deer.

Sec. 18-D. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Failure to register deer. A person is guilty of failure to register a deer if he kills a deer or fails to present it for registration in his name at the first open deer registration station on the route taken by him.

Sec. 18-E. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Keeping an unregistered deer. A person is guilty, except as provided in subsection 15, paragraph G, of keeping an unregistered deer if he keeps an unregistered deer at his home, or at any place of storage except a deer registration station, more than 12 hours.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after section 19 the following:

'Sec. 19-A. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§15, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. Notwithstanding subsection 3, the head and hide of any deer may be sold,

Sec. 19-B. 12 MRSA §7458, sub-§15, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 543, §47, is amended to read:

G. Notwithstanding subsection-6-4-A, a person may leave an unregistered deer in the woods if he notifies a warden within 12 hours as to the location of the deer and the circumstances necessitating his leaving the same in the woods.'

Further amend the Bill in section 20 by striking out all of paragraph C of subsection 8 and inserting in its place the following:

'C. Counsels or otherwise aids in buying, selling, offering or for sale/bartering a moose.'

Further amend the Bill in section 21 by striking out all of paragraph A of subsection 9 and inserting in its place the following:

'A. Notwithstanding subsection 8, the head and hide of any moose may be sold.'

Further amend the Bill in section 23 by striking out all of paragraph A and inserting in its place the following:

'A. The ~~owner~~ operator or owner having knowledge of every motor vehicle which has encountered apparent damage by accidental collision with a deer ~~or~~, moose or bear shall, by the quickest means, report the accident to a game warden.'

Further amend the Bill by renumbering sections of ^{the} Bill to read consecutively.

Statement of Fact

This amendment makes futher corrections to the inland fisheries and wildlife statutes.