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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 128, L.D. 300, Bill

"AN ACT to Provide an Open Season on Moose for a One-year Period."

Amend the bill by striking out the title and inserting in its place the following:

' AN ACT to Provide an Open Season on Moose.'  
in section 2

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§7463-A.", subsection 4, last paragraph, by striking out the first sentence and inserting in its place the following:

'The fee for a moose hunting permit is \$25 for residents and \$200 for nonresidents and aliens.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated "§7463-A." by striking out all of subsection 8 and inserting in its place the following:

'8. Research and management. Up to \$25,000 may be provided from the revenues generated by application and permit fees to carry out the department's documented moose research.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§7463-A." by striking out all of subsection 10.

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§7463-A." in subsection 12 in the first line by striking out the underlined words "and subpermittee".

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§7463-A." by striking out subsections 14 and 15.

OF R.

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§7463-A." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7464, sub-§§1 and 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 543, §50, are amended to read:

1. Illegal hunting of moose. A person is guilty of illegal hunting of moose if he hunts any moose, except in accordance with section ~~7463~~ 7463-A.

2. Illegal possession of moose. A person is guilty of possessing moose if he possesses any moose, except in accordance with sections 7238, ~~7463~~ 7463-A or 7503.'

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Further amend the bill by striking out section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7464, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 543, §50, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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

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

'Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §7464, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Keeping an unregistered moose. A person is guilty of keeping an unregistered moose if he keeps an unregistered moose at his home, or any place of storage except at an official moose registration station or at the office of an inland fisheries and wildlife warden, for more than 12 hours. A person may leave an unregistered moose in the woods if he notifies a warden within 12 hours as to the location of the moose and the circumstances necessitating his leaving the moose in the woods.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §7464, sub-§8-A is enacted to read:

8-A. Illegal firearms. A person is guilty of using illegal firearms if he uses a handgun, .22 caliber rimfire firearm or a shotgun using shot loads to hunt moose.'

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

Fiscal Note

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife indicates that, based upon fees in this bill and based upon the assumption that 40,000 residents, there were 32,372 in 1980, might apply and 20,000 nonresidents might apply, the ~~D~~edicated ~~R~~evenues would be as follows:

Resident applications	40,000 at \$5 ea.	\$200,000
Nonresident applications	20,000 at \$10 ea.	200,000
Resident permits	900 at \$25 ea.	22,500
nonresident permits	100 at \$200 ea.	<u>20,000</u>
		\$442,500

Estimated cost of administration is estimated at \$175,000 to come from these ~~D~~edicated ~~F~~unds.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment increases the fees for nonresident moose hunting permits, deletes unnecessary cross-references and makes technical changes in the provisions dealing with possession and registration of moose.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

Reproduced and distributed pursuant to Senate Rule 11-A.  
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