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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-653)
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6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1754, L.D. 1744, Bill,
7 "AN ACT to Regulate the Harvest of Antlerless Deer Within
8 the Western Deer Zone."

9 Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and
10 inserting in its place the following:

11 'AN ACT to Regulate the Harvest of Antlerless Deer.'

12 Further amend the bill by striking out everything after
13 the enacting clause and inserting in its place the follow-
14 ing:

15 '12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H is enacted to read:

16 H. The commissioner may regulate the taking of
17 antlerless deer within any area of the State to provide
18 intensive area management, provided that:

19 (1) The demarcation of any area shall follow
20 recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers
21 and railroad rights-of-way;

22 (2) The determination is made and published prior
23 to September 1st of any year;

24 (3) The hearings to receive comment on proposed
25 regulations shall be held within the county in
26 which the area is located;

27 (4) The effective date of this paragraph shall be
28 January 1, 1983; and

29 (5) This paragraph shall be repealed on March 31,
30 1986.'

1 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1754, L.D. 1744

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

3 This amendment provides authority to the Commissioner
4 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to enhance and protect the
5 deer population in the State. This authority will be effective
6 on January 1, 1983 and will terminate on March 31,
7 1986. During this period, the commissioner may limit the
8 number of antlerless deer taken in specific management areas
9 where he finds the deer population lowered or threatened by
10 natural causes, hunting pressure or predation. The use of
11 this management tool should be examined to determine its
12 effectiveness. This amendment gives the public and the
13 department sufficient time to plan, compare and report
14 changes in the deer herd in different areas whether regulated
15 by this amendment or not.

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Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Fisheries and
Wildlife.

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