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L.D. 902

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
112TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "<sup>A</sup>" to H.P. 634, L.D. 902,  
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Coyote Control."

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7013, sub-§7-A is enacted to  
read:

7-A. Animal damage control. The coordination of  
animal damage control functions throughout the State,  
including supplemental assistance for the control of  
coyotes and other nuisance wildlife which exceeds  
normal funding and staffing level within the depart-  
ment;

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§3, as enacted by PL  
1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

3. Destruction of fish or wildlife. Whenever he  
deems it necessary for the accomplishment of his  
statutory duties, the commissioner may, in conjunc-  
tion with such persons as he may designate to assist  
him, take and destroy any wildlife. Pursuant to sec-  
tion 7013, subsection 7-A, the commissioner shall  
maintain a coyote control program as follows.

A. The commissioner may employ qualified persons  
to serve as agents of the department for purposes  
of coyote control. These agents shall be trained  
by the department in animal damage control tech-  
niques and shall be utilized by the department to  
perform coyote control duties in areas where  
predation by coyotes is posing a threat to deer  
or other wildlife. Each agent shall execute a

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1 cooperative agreement with the department speci-  
2 fyng the conditions and limitations of his re-  
3 sponsibilities as an agent, including any terms  
4 for reimbursement of expenses or payment of  
5 wages.

6 B. Agents shall be trained in the use of snares  
7 and shall be deployed in the unorganized town-  
8 ships to control coyotes during the winter  
9 months. All snaring shall be carried out under  
10 the direction of department officials and with  
11 the knowledge of the local game warden. All ar-  
12 reas of snaring activity shall be adequately  
13 posted.

14 C. Agents may be utilized for the benefit of ag-  
15 ricultural interests provided that the department  
16 shall be reimbursed annually for the cost of  
17 those efforts by the Department of Agriculture,  
18 Food and Rural Resources from funds specifically  
19 appropriated or otherwise made available to the  
20 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Re-  
21 sources for that purpose.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 This amendment establishes an animal damage con-  
24 trol program within the Department of Inland Fisher-  
25 ies and Wildlife. There is a specific provision for  
26 the snaring of coyotes by trained agents in unorga-  
27 nized towns during the winter months. Any costs as-  
28 sociated with control of coyotes for the benefit of  
29 agricultural interests would be reimbursed by the De-  
30 partment of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

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