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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2590

H.P. 1895 Reported by Representative GREENLAW from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and printed under Joint Rule 2. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Original bill sponsored by Representative McGOWAN of Canaan. Cosponsored by Representatives ROTONDI of Athens, SMITH of Island Falls and WEYMOUTH of West Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Extend the Coyote Night Hunting Season.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA \$7108, sub-\$1, as reenacted by PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. B, \$5, is amended to read:

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. . . Eligibility. Any person who possesses a valid

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hunting license is eligible to obtain a permit from the commissioner to hunt coyotes at night, except that no permit may be issued to any person who has been convicted of a violation of section 7406, subsection 5, within 5 years of the date of application for the permit. A coyote night hunting permit may not be renewed unless the applicant has returned a completed coyote hunting questionnaire from the previous year.

9 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7108, sub-§3, as reenacted by 10 PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

11 3. Open season. Notwithstanding section 7406, subsection 5, there shall be an open season for hunting coyotes at night in all counties of the State 12 13 from January 1st to March 31st April 30th in 1989 and 1990 and January 1st to March 31st thereafter. The commissioner may terminate this open season at any 14 15 16 17 time in any area if, in his opinion, an immediate 18 emergency action is necessary due to adverse weather conditions or illegal hunting activity. 19

20 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7108, sub-§4, %A, as 21 reenacted by PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. B, §5, is amended to 22 read:

A. All hunting shall be limited to the hours
between 1/2 hour after sunset and 9 p-m- and to
the hours between 4 a-m- and 1/2 hour before
sunrise, and shall cease at midnight each Saturday
and may resume at 12:01 a.m. each Monday.

28 Sec. 4. Effective date. Section 1 of this Act 29 shall take effect May 1, 1989.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

31 This new draft extends the coyote hunting season from March 31st to April 30th for 2 years and 32 33 increases the number of night hours during which 34 coyotes may be hunted. The new draft includes a provision for requiring hunting success information 35 from coyote hunters before their permits may be renewed. This provision will take effect in 1989 to 36 、 37 38 exclude next year's renewals from this requirement.

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