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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 116, L.D. 153, Bill, "An Act to Require a Permit to Hunt for Bear Prior to the Firearm Season on Deer"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7110 is enacted to read:

§7110. Bear hunting permit

1. Permit required. A permit is required to hunt for bear from the first Monday preceding September 1st to the day preceding the open firearm season on deer. This section does not apply to trapping for bear.

2. Eligibility. Any person who possesses a valid license to hunt big game may obtain a permit to hunt for bear from the commissioner or an authorized agent.

3. Issuance; fee. The commissioner, through the commissioner's authorized agent, shall issue a bear hunting permit to eligible persons. The fee for each permit issued shall be \$2 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents and aliens.

4. Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to hunting for bear when a permit is required.

A. A bear hunting permit must be kept on the person at all times while hunting or transporting any bear.

1 B. A bear hunting permit must be exhibited upon request to
3 any warden, employee of the department, guide or landowner.

5 5. Repeal. This section is repealed on December 30, 1991.

7 **Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
9 dedicated revenues of the Department of Inland Fisheries and
11 Wildlife to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,		
DEPARTMENT OF		
Licensing Services		

17 All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
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19 Provides funds for
21 anticipated printing and
23 miscellaneous expenses for
the administration of bear
hunting permits.

25 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall take effect January 1,
27 1990.

29 **FISCAL NOTE**

31 This bill will:

33 1. Result in an increase in dedicated revenues to the
35 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of \$225,000 for
37 fiscal year 1990-91. This increase is based on the assumption
that there would be approximately 37,500 bear hunters who would
purchase a bear hunting permit. Also, this estimate assumes that
50% of these hunters would be residents and 50% would be
39 nonresidents; and

41 2. Require an allocation of dedicated revenue to the
43 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in the amount of
\$10,000 for fiscal year 1989-90 and fiscal year 1990-91. This
allocation would provide funds for anticipated printing and
45 general operating expenses for implementing the permit system.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment establishes a bear hunting permit which will be required, in addition to a big game hunting license, to hunt for bear prior to the opening of the firearm season on deer. This permit will provide a means of monitoring bear hunting pressure, hunter success and the status of the black bear population, and will establish a mechanism for maintaining harvests within acceptable levels if such action becomes necessary. The amendment also adds an allocation, an effective date provision and a fiscal note.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House
6/14/89 (Filing No. H-525)