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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1109, L.D. 1634, Bill, "An Act Regarding Doe Permits"

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

'12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 230, is amended to read:

H. The commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless deer within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain deer populations in balance with available habitat, ~~provided that~~ if the following conditions are met.

(1) The demarcation of each area shall must follow recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers, roads and railroad rights-of-way.

(2) The determination is must be made and published prior to August 1st of each year.

~~(3) The commissioner may implement an antlerless deer permit system, provided that, by March 1st of the year of implementation, the department shall submit the rules necessary for the system to the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife for review, comment and submission of any necessary legislation.~~

~~(4) If an antlerless deer permit system is implemented, the application fee for a permit to take an antlerless deer shall not exceed \$1.~~

2 (3) The application fee for a permit to take an
3 antlerless deer may not exceed \$1. The application
4 must include a detachable portion on which the
5 applicant shall write the applicant's name and address
6 and to which the applicant shall affix a stamp of
7 adequate postage. The department shall return this
8 portion of the application to the applicant in
9 acknowledgement of the department's receipt of the
10 application.

11 ~~(5)~~ (4) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for
12 the administration, implementation, enforcement and
13 interpretation of this subsection, except that there
14 shall may not be an antlerless deer permit system
15 unless otherwise specified in this paragraph, and.

16 ~~(6)~~ -- Subparagraph (3) -- shall be repealed 30 days after
17 the submission by the department to the committee of
18 the rules necessary for a permit system.

21 **FISCAL NOTE**

22 Costs associated with the Department of Inland Fisheries and
23 Wildlife providing a removable portion of the antlerless deer
24 permit application will be absorbed within the existing resources
25 of the department. Mailing costs related to returning the
26 removable portion will be borne by the applicant, who must stamp
27 and self-address the detachable portion of the permit.'

31 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 The bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and
33 Wildlife to return a detachable portion of the antlerless deer
34 permit application to the applicant to acknowledge the
35 department's receipt of the application. This amendment requires
36 applicants to stamp and self-address that portion of the
37 antlerless deer permit. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to
38 the bill.