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STATE OF MAINE  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1555, L.D. 2193, Bill, "An Act to Institute a Pheasant Stamp Program for Cumberland and York Counties"

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§7106-A.~~" in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$5.25" and inserting in its place the following: '\$16'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§7106-A.~~" in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "25¢" and inserting in its place the following: '\$1'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "~~§7106-A.~~" by inserting at the end the following:

'5. Repeal; report; limitations. This section is repealed June 30, 1993. The commissioner, with the cooperation of rod and gun clubs that raise pheasants, shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters by January 1, 1993. The report must include recommendations concerning the continuation of the pheasant hunting permit program; including how it may be funded and the role of the rod and gun clubs in acquiring and raising pheasants. The report must also include a planned pheasant stamp design to make the stamp design attractive to collectors.

The department may purchase pheasants but may not raise or be directly involved in the production of pheasants for release to supply pheasants for pheasant hunting.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by inserting at the end the following:

'1. Repeal. This section is repealed June 30, 1993.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

**1992-93**

**REVENUES**

General Fund

\$13,395

Establishing a pheasant stamp program for Cumberland and York Counties will increase General Fund revenue by \$13,395 in fiscal year 1992-93, based on an estimated issuance of 893 pheasant hunting permits. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife can absorb the costs associated with printing the pheasant stamps, enforcing this program and reporting to the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife by January 1, 1993 on recommendations concerning the continuation of the program.

Acquiring and raising the pheasants will be provided by certain private fish and game organizations at no cost to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment accomplishes the following:

1. Raises the fee for a pheasant permit from \$5.25 to \$16;
2. Raises the portion of the fee that is retained by agents from 25¢ to \$1;
3. Repeals the pheasant permit program on June 30, 1993;
4. Requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, in cooperation with rod and gun clubs that raise pheasants, to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife by January 1, 1993 recommendations concerning the continuation of the pheasant permit program;
5. Provides that the department will not absorb the costs of purchasing and raising pheasants for stocking for hunting, except that the department may use funds to purchase birds when

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2 and if it determines that it is financially feasible for it to do  
so. Purchasing and raising pheasants will be undertaken  
4 voluntarily by rod and gun clubs during the first year of this  
program; and

6 6. Adds a fiscal note.

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