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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 150, L.D. 202, Bill, "An Act to Deter Felons from Carrying Firearms during the Maine Hunting Season"

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of the first line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7073, sub-§§3-A and 3-B are enacted to read:'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3-A in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 16 and 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the form of which is determined by the commissioner by rule," and inserting in its place the following: 'on the license application'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3-A by striking out all of the last paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'The statement to be signed by an applicant pursuant to this subsection must contain the following notice in conspicuous type: "BY SIGNING THIS STATEMENT, THE APPLICANT VERIFIES THAT THE REPRESENTATIONS HEREIN ARE TRUE. A FALSE STATEMENT IS PUNISHABLE UNDER MAINE LAW, TITLE 17-A, SECTION 453 AND IS A CLASS D CRIME."

3-B. Amending applications. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend applications for licenses and permits that authorize a person to hunt with a firearm to include the statement prescribed in section 3-A.'

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

'Sec. 3. Effective date. Section 2 of this Act takes effect on January 1, 1994.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill establishes a new Class D crime. Sentences imposed for Class D offenses must be served in a county jail. The average cost per sentence for a Class D crime is \$7,439 based upon an average stay of 119 days. The additional costs to the counties for housing offenders sentenced for this new crime will not require reimbursement by the State.

The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund appropriations to cover indigent defense costs related to these new cases. The amounts can not be estimated at this time. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department's administrative account. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenues by a minor amount.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to change firearm licenses and permits to include the required statement of right to possess firearms. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend the applications for firearm licenses or permits to include a statement, which the applicant must sign, of the right to possess a firearm. This amendment eliminates the need for forms in addition to the application.

The amendment also clarifies that the department shall amend the license applications before the issuance of the 1994 licenses.

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