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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 228, L.D. 296, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws"

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 §7077-A is enacted to read:

§7077-A. Mandatory license revocation for certain violations

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part:

1. Shooting domestic animals. A person convicted of shooting a domestic animal in violation of section 7406, subsection 14 is not eligible to obtain a license to hunt in this State for a period of 5 years from the date of conviction; and

2. Offenses against a person. A person convicted of a violation of Title 17-A, chapter 9, if the offense occurred in the context of a hunting activity and if, through failure of the hunter to make proper target identification, the offense resulted in the injury or death of another person, is not eligible to obtain a license to hunt in this State for a period of 10 years from the date of the conviction.

A hunting license held by a person whose license eligibility is restricted in accordance with subsection 1 or 2 is considered revoked on the date of conviction and must be surrendered to the commissioner.

A person whose privilege to hold a hunting license has been revoked under this section becomes eligible to obtain a hunting license at the end of the period of ineligibility described in

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subsection 1 or 2 only upon successful completion of a firearms training program established under section 7035, subsection 10.

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs to notify the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of certain convictions can be absorbed by the Judicial Department utilizing existing budgeted resources.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to administer the process of license revocation. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Under this amendment a person convicted of violating Title 12, section 7406, subsection 14 loses the privilege to hunt for 5 years. A person convicted of committing a crime against a person while hunting, if that crime involved a failure to properly identify the target, loses the privilege to hunt for 10 years. A person is entitled to have the privilege reinstated after the revocation period provided that person completes a firearm safety training program.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
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