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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 210, L.D. 681, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Commercial Hunting on Unlicensed Land"

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 §7104-A is enacted to read:

§7104-A. Prohibition on game fees

A person may not charge any fee for access to land if the fee is contingent upon the taking of game on that land or directly related to the taking of game on the land unless the land is an authorized commercial shooting area licensed under section 7104. This section does not apply to the following fees:

1. Gate fees. Gate fees or other access fees that are unrelated to the taking of game;

2. Guiding fees. Fees charged by licensed guides or other fees that are unrelated to access to land; or

3. Fees for placing bear bait. Fees that are directly related to the placing of bear bait on land.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§17-A is enacted to read:

17-A. Game fees. A person is guilty of charging illegal game fees if the person charges a fee in violation of section 7104-A.

FISCAL NOTE

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4 This bill establishes a new Class E crime. Sentences
6 imposed for Class E offenses must be served in a county jail.
8 The average cost per sentence for a Class E crime is \$4,188 based
upon an average length of stay of 67 days. The additional costs
to the counties for the housing of each offender sentenced under
this new crime will not require reimbursement by the State.

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12 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
14 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenues by a minor amount.

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18 The additional enforcement costs can be absorbed by the
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife utilizing existing
budgeted resources.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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24 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. This
26 amendment prohibits the charging of fees for access to land that
are contingent upon or directly related to the taking of game on
that land. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by Senator Luther for the Committee on Fisheries
and Wildlife. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate
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