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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 148, L.D. 196, Bill, "An Act to Develop the Landowner Relations Program"

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 441, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

13. Landowner relations program. The commissioner shall develop and implement a program to improve landowner relations. The program must foster public use of private land for hunting and fishing and promote high standards of courtesy, respect and responsibility by hunters and anglers for private lands and prevent abuse of private lands by hunters and anglers. The program must have the following 2 components:

A. A program that supports landowners, called the Support Landowners Program. Twelve dollars of each \$15 collected under section 7101, subsection 5-A, section 7133, subsection 4-A and section 7151, subsection 5-A is dedicated to the Support Landowners Program. The Support Landowners Program may:

(1) Offer a toll-free number for landowner concerns;

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(2) From among existing staff, appoint a landowner relations coordinator at the Augusta office of the department and regional landowner relations coordinators at the regional offices;

(3) Provide linkage with local conservation organizations, volunteer groups and advisory groups;

(4) Enhance enforcement of trespass, dumping and property damage violations;

(5) Provide educational materials and signs; and

(6) Coordinate with other related landowner relations activities, including Landowner Recognition Day; and

B. A program called the Sport Hunter Program. The Sport Hunter Program is established to combat disrespect and misconduct and to improve the hunter's image through landowner relations, coordination with hunter safety programs and conservation ethics. Three dollars of each \$15 collected under section 7101, subsection 5-A, section 7133, subsection 4-A and section 7151, subsection 5-A is dedicated to the Sport Hunter Program.

The Support Landowners Program and the Sport Hunter Program must operate within the department and must be implemented no later than January 1, 1996.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§5, ¶E, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 419, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Supersport hunting license. In addition to the fees listed in subsection 5, a person may purchase a supersport license from the commissioner for \$15.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA, §7133, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Supersport trapping license. In addition to the fees listed in subsection 4, a person may purchase a supersport trapping license from the commissioner for \$15.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA, §7151, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Supersport fishing license. In addition to the fees listed in subsection 5, a person may purchase a supersport fishing license from the commissioner for \$15.

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2 **Sec. 6. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

4 **1995-96** **1996-97**

6 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,**
8 **DEPARTMENT OF**

10 **Support Landowners Program**

12 All Other \$18,000 \$36,000

14 Allocates funds for the
operating costs of the newly
16 established Support
Landowners Program.

18 **Sport Hunter Program**

20 All Other 4,500 9,000

22 Allocates funds for the
operating costs of the newly
24 established Sport Hunter
Program.

26 **DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND**
28 **WILDLIFE**
30 **TOTAL**

\$22,500 \$45,000'

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

34 **FISCAL NOTE**

36 **1995-96** **1996-97**

38 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

40 Other Funds \$22,500 \$45,000

42 **REVENUES**

44 General Fund (\$6,010) (\$6,010)
46 Other Funds 22,500 45,000

48 The repeal of the supersport combination hunting license
will reduce General Fund revenue by \$6,100 annually beginning in
50 fiscal year 1995-96.

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2 This bill establishes new supersport license fees that will
3 generate total additional dedicated revenues of \$22,500 and
4 \$45,000 to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in
5 fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97, respectively. Eighty percent
6 of the revenue from these licenses is dedicated to the Support
7 Landowners Program, which will require allocations of \$18,000 and
8 \$36,000 in fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97, respectively. The
9 remaining 20% is dedicated to the Sport Hunter Program, which
10 will require allocations of \$4,500 and \$9,000 in fiscal years
11 1995-96 and 1996-97, respectively.'

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14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

15 This amendment repeals the supersport combination hunting
16 license and replaces it with provisions that allow a person to
17 purchase a supersport hunting, fishing or trapping license for a
18 \$15 fee paid in addition to the regular license fee.

19 The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must use
20 80% of those new fees for a Support Landowners Program targeted
21 to improving landowner relations. The commissioner must use the
22 remaining 20% of the revenues for the Sport Hunter Program
23 targeted at combatting disrespect and misconduct and to improve
24 the image of hunters. This amendment also adds an allocation
25 section and a fiscal note to the bill.
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