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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 28, L.D. 53, Bill, "An Act to Allow Bow Hunters to Take a Deer during Bow Hunting Season in Addition to the Deer Allowed during Firearm Season"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Expanded Archery Deer Hunting Season'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the first expanded archery deer hunting season is scheduled to take place in September of 1997; and

Whereas, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must have sufficient time to plan and prepare for that hunting season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 28, L.D. 53

2 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7102-B, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. I, §2, is amended to read:

4 4. License fee. The fee for a resident expanded archery deer hunting license is \$40. The fee for a nonresident expanded archery deer hunting license is \$80. A person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age may hunt with a bow and arrow during the expanded archery deer hunting season if that person possesses a valid junior hunting license.

10 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7102-B, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

12 8. Repeal. This section is repealed April 1, 1999.

14 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

16 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

22 FISCAL NOTE

24 The repeal of the expanded archery deer hunting season will decrease General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by approximately \$240,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000.

30 SUMMARY

32 This amendment replaces the bill, changes the title of the bill and makes the bill an emergency.

34 The amendment repeals the expanded archery deer hunting season on April 1, 1999. This will allow that season to occur only in 1997 and 1998, unless further action is taken by the Legislature.

36 The amendment also allows a person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age to hunt with a bow and arrow during the expanded archery deer hunting season under the existing junior hunting license.

38 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.