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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Reported by: Majority

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 63, L.D. 182, Bill, "An Act to Give an Antlerless Deer Permit to a Person Who Kills 5 or More Coyotes"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph H by striking out all of subparagraph (6) (page 1, lines 39 to 41 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'(6) A person who in calendar year 1998 or 1999 lawfully kills and registers 5 or more coyotes by hunting or trapping is entitled, upon request to the department, to receive an antlerless deer permit in the following year. An agent may tag a coyote under this subsection only if the person registering the coyote, in the presence of the tagging agent, removes and disposes of one ear of the coyote. A fee of \$1 must be paid to the tagging agent for each coyote registered under this subsection, of which 75¢ must be sent by the agent to the department to offset costs associated with the administration of this subparagraph. This subparagraph is repealed on December 31, 1999.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Savings Fund Program

	1997-98	1998-99
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000

Appropriates funds to be used only to avoid future license fee increases.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

	1997-98	1998-99
General Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000

REVENUES

General Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000
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The authorization of a tagging fee for coyote kills will increase annual General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by \$1,000 beginning in fiscal year 1997-98.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$1,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 1997-98 to meet the constitutional requirement that appropriations to the department are at least equal to the undedicated revenues collected by the department.

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

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SUMMARY

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This is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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8 This amendment requires that coyotes be tagged in order to
be considered towards an antlerless deer permit and that one ear
of a tagged coyote be removed and disposed of in the presence of
10 the tagging agent. A \$1 fee must be paid to the tagging agent,
of which 75¢ must be sent by the tagging agent to the Department
12 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The antlerless deer permit
provision is offered in 1998 and 1999 and is repealed on December
14 31, 1999.