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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. 643, L.D. 896, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Time Limit for Registering Deer to 24 Hours"

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

'An Act Increasing from 12 Hours to 18 Hours the Time Limit for Registering Deer and Bear'

Further amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7452, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

6. Failure to register bear. A person is guilty of failure to register a bear if he that person:

A. Possesses a bear which that has not been legally registered as provided in section 7451 except in accordance with chapter 709, subchapter IV;

B. Kills a bear and fails to present it for registration in his that person's name at the first open bear registration station on the route taken by him that person; or

C. Keeps an unregistered bear at his that person's home, or at any place of storage except a bear registration station, more than ~~12~~ 18 hours.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4-A in the last line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "24" and inserting in its place the following: '18'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
3 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
4 consecutively.

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class E crimes. If
13 jail sentences are reduced, the savings to the counties are
14 estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These savings do
15 not affect reimbursement by the State. The reduction in the
16 number of prosecutions that would have resulted in a jail
17 sentence and the resulting savings to the county jail system are
18 expected to be insignificant.

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The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from
21 reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with
22 the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the
23 court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease
24 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the title of the bill. The amendment
29 increases from 12 hours to 18 hours the time limit for
30 registering deer and bear. The amendment also adds a fiscal note
31 to the bill.
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