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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 16, L.D. 8, Bill, "An Act to Allow Hunting from Motor Vehicles for Persons Limited in Their Ability to Walk"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 3 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§20, ¶A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 403, §19, is further amended to read:

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 9-A:

(1) A person may hunt migratory waterfowl from a motorboat in accordance with federal regulations;

(2) A person who has a valid Maine permit to carry a concealed weapon may have in or on a motor vehicle or trailer a loaded pistol or revolver covered by that permit; and

(3) Paraplegics and, single or double amputees of the legs and anyone severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition as determined and certified by a licensed physician specializing in the area of that person's disability may hunt shoot from motor vehicles that are not in motion.'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

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This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class E crimes. If the number of jail sentences is reduced, the savings to the counties are estimated to be \$83.36 per day per prisoner. The amount of any reduction of jail time and the resulting savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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

**SUMMARY**

This is the minority amendment of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

The amendment replaces the bill and changes the word "hunt" to "shoot" and adds a requirement to the bill that the physician who certifies that a person is severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition must be a physician who specializes in the area of that person's disability. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.