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	L.D. 259
2	DATE: 5-10-99 (Filing No. H-512)
6	INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
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10	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
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14 16	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 181, L.D. 259, Bill, "Ar
20	Act to Secure Wounded Deer"
22	Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:
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26	'Sec. 3. Rules. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall adopt rules specifying when and how a person
28	licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 7101, subsection 5, paragraph N may lawfully use leashed dogs to
30	track wounded deer. Those rules are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A and must be provisionally adopted and submitted to the Legislature no later
32	than January 15, 2000.
34	Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
36	2000-01
38	INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,
40	DEPARTMENT OF
42	Savings Fund Program
44	All Other \$2,500
46	Appropriates funds to be used only to avoid

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future fee increases.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2	Sec. 5. Effective date. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take
4	effect January 1, 2000.'
6	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:
8	FISCAL NOTE
10	2000-01
12	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS
14	General Fund \$2,500
16	REVENUES
18	General Fund > \$2,500
20	Authorizing the establishment of a license for those people who wish to use a dog to track a lawfully wounded deer will
22	increase annual General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by \$2,500 beginning in fiscal
24	year 2000-01. This bill includes an additional General Fund appropriation for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
26	of \$2,500 in fiscal year 2000-01 to meet the constitutional requirement that appropriations to the department are at least
28	equal to the undedicated revenues collected by the department. The additional costs associated with adopting rules can be
30	absorbed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife utilizing existing budgeted resources.
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34	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 \$82.48 per day per prisoner. The
36	amount of any reduction of jail time and the resulting savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.
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40	The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with
42	the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease
44	General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'
46	SUMMARY
48	This amendment postpones the effective date of the new
50	licensing provision proposed in the bill until January 1, 2000. The amendment also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries

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and Wildlife to submit to the Legislature by January 15, 2000 provisionally adopted rules specifying when and how a person holding that license may lawfully use leashed dogs to track wounded deer. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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