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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 182, L.D. 536, Bill, "An Act to Improve Wild Game Transportation Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 14 the following:

'Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §7532, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §7532-A is enacted to read:

§7532-A. Transportation by nonresidents

A nonresident may transport to that person's home any lawfully harvested wild animal or wild bird. A nonresident may have transported to that person's home by another individual or common carrier any wild animal or wild bird that that nonresident has lawfully harvested, as long as that person has obtained a transportation permit from any game warden and has met all the other requirements of chapters 701 to 721. There is no fee for a permit issued under this section.'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

The repeal of certain fees for transporting deer and bear will result in insignificant reductions of General Fund revenue.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class E crimes. If
3 the number of jail sentences is reduced, the savings to the
4 counties are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. The
5 amount of any reduction of jail time and the resulting savings to
6 the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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

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SUMMARY

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17 This amendment clarifies that nonresidents may transport
18 home any lawfully harvested wild animals or wild birds, and that
19 nonresidents may have game transported home by another individual
20 or common carrier provided that that nonresident is properly
21 licensed and has obtained a no-cost transportation permit. The
22 amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.