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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 523, L.D. 730, Bill, "An Act to Allow Certain Disabled Persons to Fly-fish With Open-faced Reels"

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

**'An Act to Allow Certain Disabled Persons to Fly-fish With Any Type of Rod and Reel'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§15 is enacted to read:**

**15. Fly-fishing by person who has suffered the loss of arm. A person who possesses a valid fishing license and has suffered the loss of an arm may use any type of rod and reel to fish with a fly on waters open to fly-fishing. For the purposes of this subsection, "loss of an arm" means the physical loss of the arm at the wrist or above.**

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**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.

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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.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment allows a person who possesses a valid fishing license and has suffered the physical loss of an arm to use any type of rod and reel to fish with a fly on waters open to fly-fishing. The term "loss of an arm" means the physical loss of the arm above the wrist. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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