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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 559, L.D. 780, Bill, "An Act to Allow Hunters to Carry and Use a Standard-size Flashlight"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraphs (3) and (4) (lines 18 to 26 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'(3) Paragraph Paragraphs K does and L do not affect or restrict the legitimate possession--and--sale--of flashlights use of an artificial light to illuminate the pathway of any person who is walking at night.

(4) Paragraph L does not affect chapter 709, subchapter IV, or any rule issued in accordance with section 7035, subsection 1.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

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 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.'

SUMMARY

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This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, changes the specific flashlight power rating to the use of any artificial light.