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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 457, L.D. 1332, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Hunting Animals in Enclosed Areas"

Amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "~~§1342.~~" in subsection 4 in the first line (page 4, line 1 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Upon" and inserting in its place the following: 'Except as provided in section 1346, upon'

Further amend the amendment in section 3 by inserting after that part designated "~~§1345.~~" the following:

'§1346. Local recommendations

1. Submission of recommendation. A municipality, with the approval of its legislative body, may submit recommendations to the commissioner for regulating the use and operation of a commercial large game shooting area within the jurisdiction of that municipality. For a commercial large game shooting area that borders more than one municipality, recommendations may be submitted only after approval by the legislative bodies of all municipalities in which the commercial large game shooting area is located. For a commercial large game shooting area that borders land within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, the approval of the commission is also required. These recommendations may be submitted only after a public hearing and must include a description of the resources the municipality or municipalities will use to enforce those regulations if enacted.

2. Content of recommendations. The recommendations pursuant to subsection 1 may include, but are not limited to:

- 2 A. An outright ban on any commercial large game shooting
3 area;
- 4 B. Acreage requirement;
- 6 C. Adequacy and type of fencing required;
- 8 D. Type of animals; and
- 10 E. Time or times of day when hunting will be allowed on the
12 commercial large game shooting area.
- 14 3. Use of recommendations. Notwithstanding this chapter,
15 the commissioner may deny a license, revoke a license or place
16 restrictions on any new or existing license based upon
17 recommendations received under this section. The restrictions
18 placed on a license by the commissioner under this section
19 supersede restrictions otherwise established in this chapter.'

22 **FISCAL NOTE**

24 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will
25 incur some minor additional costs to review certain
26 recommendations submitted by those municipalities that wish to
27 regulate commercial large game shooting areas. These costs can
28 be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

30 The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission within the
31 Department of Conservation will incur some minor additional costs
32 to approve any proposed regulations pertaining to commercial
33 large game shooting areas to be located on territories within the
34 commission's jurisdiction. These costs can be absorbed within
35 the commission's existing budgeted resources.

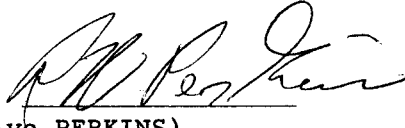
38 **SUMMARY**

40 This amendment establishes a procedure whereby local
41 municipalities, with the approval of their legislative bodies,
42 may make recommendations to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food
43 and Rural Resources concerning the use and operation of
44 commercial large game shooting areas within their jurisdictions.
45 Based on those recommendations, and notwithstanding other
46 restrictions set out in the law, the commissioner may deny or
47 revoke a license or place restrictions on a new or existing
48 license.

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