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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 970, L.D. 1368, Bill, "An Act to Ensure a Fair Distribution of Hunting Permits"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first indented paragraph (page 1, lines 22 to 24 in amendment) and by striking out all of divisions (a) and (b) (page 1, lines 26 to 35 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7457, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 1999, c. 141, §1, is further amended to read:

H. The commissioner may regulate the taking of antlerless deer within any area of the State, as necessary, to maintain deer populations in balance with available habitat if the following conditions are met.

(1) The demarcation of each area must follow recognizable physical boundaries such as rivers, roads and railroad rights-of-way.

(2) The determination must be made and published prior to August 1st of each year.

(3) The application fee for a permit to take an antlerless deer may not exceed \$1. The application

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2 must include a detachable portion on which the  
3 applicant shall write the applicant's name and address  
4 and to which the applicant shall affix a stamp of  
5 adequate postage. The department shall return this  
6 portion of the application to the applicant in  
7 acknowledgement of the department's receipt of the  
8 application.

10 (4) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the  
11 administration, implementation, enforcement and  
12 interpretation of this subsection, except that there  
13 may not be an antlerless deer permit system unless  
14 otherwise specified in this paragraph. Any rules  
15 adopted by the commissioner that provide for permits to  
16 be issued to nonresident or alien hunters must provide  
17 that:

18 (a) The percentage of antlerless deer permits  
19 issued to nonresident and alien hunters may not  
20 exceed the average percentage of applicants for  
21 antlerless deer permits over the previous 3 years  
22 who were nonresidents or aliens; and

24 (b) No more than 15% of the antlerless deer  
25 permits issued in any one district or in any one  
26 zone may be issued to nonresident and alien  
27 hunters.

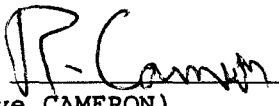
28 (5) An antlerless deer permit system adopted by the  
29 commissioner pursuant to this section may include a  
30 provision giving special consideration to landowners  
31 who keep their lands open to hunting by the public.  
32 Any 2 or more areas of land owned by the same person  
33 that are open for hunting and that would be contiguous  
34 except for being divided by one or more roads are  
35 considered contiguous for the purposes of determining  
36 landowner eligibility for special consideration under  
37 this subparagraph.

40 A junior hunter or a person 65 years of age or older may  
41 take an antlerless deer, if an adult who holds a valid  
42 antlerless deer permit transfers the permit to the junior  
43 hunter or person 65 years of age or older by identifying the  
44 name, age and address of the transferee on the permit as  
45 well as any other information reasonably requested by the  
46 commissioner and then returns the permit to the department  
47 prior to the start of the firearm season on deer. The  
48 commissioner shall record the transfer and return the permit  
49 to the junior hunter or person 65 years of age or older. A  
50 valid permit must be in the possession of the transferee to

2 take an antlerless deer. If the adult transfers the permit  
to the junior hunter or person 65 years of age or older,  
4 that adult is prohibited from taking an antlerless deer.' '

6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment is being presented on behalf of the Committee  
on Bills in the Second Reading to account for changes made by  
10 Public Law 1999, chapter 141, section 1.

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14 SPONSORED BY:   
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