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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 199, L.D. 229, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Submit a Proposal to Encourage the Harvest of Coyotes"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit a proposal to encourage the harvest of coyotes. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall undertake a review of its animal damage control program and associated policies as they relate to the deployment of trappers to snare coyotes from deer yards during the winter months and other related matters. Program accomplishments, shortfalls, concerns and opportunities must be identified in consultation with regional coyote snaring steering committees already established by the department. The department shall present a report of the review to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by October 1, 2001, along with specific plans describing the nature of the program that the department will implement during the winter of 2001-02 in areas where predation by coyotes is posing a threat to deer.'

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

**'FISCAL NOTE**

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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### SUMMARY

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6 This amendment requires the Department of Inland Fisheries  
and Wildlife to review its animal damage control program, in  
consultation with the department's regional coyote snaring  
steering committees, focusing on the deployment of trappers to  
snare coyotes in deer yards during winter months. The department  
shall report back its findings and proposed plans to implement  
those findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland  
Fisheries and Wildlife by October 1, 2001. The department shall  
implement its proposed plans during the 2001-02 winter in areas  
where predation by coyotes poses a threat to deer. The amendment  
also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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