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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 201, L.D. 673, Bill, "An Act to Require Alien Big Game Hunters to be Accompanied by a Guide"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 2-A and inserting in its place the following:

'2-A. Hunting big game without a guide. An alien who is a citizen of Canada is guilty of hunting big game without a guide if that person hunts big game without employing and hunting with a resident Maine guide who holds a valid guide license pursuant to section 7311 authorizing that person to act as a hunting guide. No more than 3 aliens may accompany a resident Maine guide in order to satisfy the requirements of this section. This section does not apply to permanent resident aliens.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

	2001-02	2002-03
REVENUES		
General Fund	(\$56,703)	(\$56,703)

Requiring alien big game hunters to be accompanied by a Maine Guide will reduce annual General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by \$56,703 beginning in fiscal year 2001-02.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If
4 a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties
6 are estimated to be \$83.36 per day per prisoner. The number of
prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting
costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

8 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
10 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
12 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
Department. The collection of additional fines may increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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18 This minority amendment requires that only aliens who are
citizens of Canada and not permanent resident aliens employ and
20 hunt with a resident Maine guide when hunting big game.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.