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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. 901, L.D. 1193, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Relating to the Harvesting of Wild Animals"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5-B in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Constructed" and inserting in its place the following: 'Rigged'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 10 to 12 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §7432, sub-§14, as amended by PL 1997, c. 283, §3, is further amended to read:

14. Exceptions.

A. Notwithstanding subsection 6:

(1) A person may trap within 1/2 mile of the built-up portion of a city or village by the use of water drowning sets ~~for mink and muskrat~~; and

(2) A person who has a written permit from the landowner may trap on that landowner's land with cage-type live traps ~~and with water sets~~ within 1/2 mile of the built-up portion of a city or village.

B. Notwithstanding subsection 11:

2 (1) A landowner or member of his the landowner's
immediate family may use gas cartridges on his the
4 landowner's own land for woodchuck control; and

6 (2) A person may sell, advertise, give notice of sale
or keep for sale rodenticide for orchard mouse control
and gas cartridges for woodchuck control.

8 C. The requirements of subsection 2-A do not apply to
10 under ice water drowning sets for beaver and muskrat.

12 D. The requirements of subsections 4 and 5 do not apply to
beaver trapping.

14 E. The requirements of subsections 4 do not apply when
16 trapping with the use of drowning sets in navigable rivers
and streams.

18 F. The requirements of subsections 4 and 5 do not apply
20 when trapping with the use of drowning sets on state-owned
land and public rights of way.

22 This subsection may not be construed as giving license or
24 permission to set, place or tend traps on property that is owned
by another person.'

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

30 **FISCAL NOTE**

32 Requiring that certain animal control officers must obtain
34 trapping licenses will result in insignificant increases of
General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Inland
36 Fisheries and Wildlife from license fees.

38 Providing complimentary trapping licenses to disabled
40 veterans will result in insignificant reductions of General Fund
revenue collected by the department from license fees.'

42 **SUMMARY**

44 This amendment exempts trappers who use drowning sets placed
46 in navigable rivers or streams or on state-owned land and right
of ways from the requirement of first obtaining written
48 permission from the landowner or occupant.