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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1268, L.D. 1726, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Laws Pertaining to the Permit Process for Wildlife Possession"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7077, sub-§1-A, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 136, §1, is repealed.'

Further amend the bill in section 7 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "wildlife" the following: 'in captivity'

Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "§7235-C." in subsection 1 by striking out all of the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 25 and 26 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Affected species. Except as otherwise provided in this Part, this section applies to the possession of any wildlife regulated by the State that is held in captivity and to the importation of wildlife from an area outside the State, including:'

Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "§7235-C." by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 2, lines 15 to 24 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Fees. Permit fees are as follows:

A. Propagation, \$25 for 2 calendar years;

2 B. Commercial exhibition or attracting trade, \$145 every 2
3 years from July 1st to June 30th;

4 C. Personal use, professional or vocational husbandry,
5 therapy or aid to disabled persons, \$25 every 2 calendar
6 years; and

7 D. Rehabilitation, renewable every 2 years, no fee.'

10 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 11 the
11 following:

12 'Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §7464, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1981, c.
13 118, §3, is further amended to read:

14 2. **Illegal possession of moose.** A person is guilty of
15 possessing moose if he that person possesses any moose, except in
16 accordance with sections 7238, 7463-A or 7503.'

17 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 15 the
18 following:

19 'Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §7861, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1993, c.
20 438, §42, is further amended to read:

21 3. **Rock dove permits.** Notwithstanding section 7456, the
22 commissioner may issue permits to persons licensed under section
23 7235-A 7235-C to take rock doves from the wild by the use of box
24 traps or nets for the purpose of training sporting dogs pursuant
25 to this section and section 7863.

26 'Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §7863, sub-§5, ¶A, as amended by PL 1993, c.
27 438, §43, is further amended to read:

28 A. Notwithstanding this section, the commissioner may issue
29 a permit to any person authorizing the use of firearms
30 during the training of sporting dogs to shoot and kill wild
31 birds propagated or legally acquired by the permittee and
32 possessed in accordance with section 7235-A 7235-C.

33 'Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §7901, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
34 89, §2, is repealed.

35 'Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §7947, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is
36 repealed.'

37 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
38 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
39 consecutively.
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2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur
some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules pertaining to
the permit process for wildlife possession. These costs can be
10 absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

12 The establishment of certain permit fees for wildlife
possession will result in insignificant increases of General Fund
14 revenue collected by the department.'

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment changes the fee structure for permits to
possess wildlife and corrects cross-references. This amendment
also clarifies which species are affected by the bill. It also
22 adds a fiscal note to the bill.