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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1698, L.D. 2196, Bill, "An Act to Permit Small Game Hunting on Private Property on Sunday in Unorganized Territory"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph D in subparagraph (1) in the 6th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "that" the following: 'is not open to hunt by the public and'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph D in subparagraph (2) in the 4th line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "The" the following: 'annual'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A by striking out all of subparagraph (4) and inserting in its place the following:

'(4) A landowner allowing Sunday hunting on that landowner's property without meeting the requirements described in section 7406, subsection 20, paragraph D;'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2003.

Sec. 5. Repeal. This Act is repealed January 1, 2005.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

Authorizing fees for newly established Sunday hunting permits will increase fee collections. The estimated annual increase of dedicated revenue to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is \$300,000 beginning in fiscal year 2003-04. The Support Landowners Program within the department will require an equivalent annual Other Special Revenue funds allocation beginning in fiscal year 2003-04.

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties 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.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The amendment prohibits the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from authorizing property for Sunday hunting if the property owner does not keep that property open to hunting by the public. The amendment also sets an effective date of January 1, 2003 and a repeal date of January 1, 2005. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.