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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 285, L.D. 806, Bill, "An Act To Simplify the Requirements for Tagging, Registering and Transporting Harvested Animals"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 19.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 22 the following:

'Sec. 23. 12 MRSA §7462, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

4. Illegally possessing wild hares or rabbits. A person is guilty of illegally possessing or--transporting wild hares or rabbits if he that person possesses or--transports at any time any wild hares or rabbits taken:

A. During the closed season; or

B. By any method or with any device prohibited by subsection 1, paragraph A, or section 7432, subsection 11, paragraphs A, B and C.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 29.

Further amend the bill in section 33 in that part designated "§7523." by striking out all of subsection 4.

Further amend the bill in section 33 in that part designated "§7524." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

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2 '1. Tags. The commissioner shall prescribe the form and
3 content of and produce bear, deer, moose and wild turkey tags.'

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5 Further amend the bill in section 33 in that part designated
6 "~~§7524.~~" in subsection 2 by striking out all of the last line
7 (page 6, line 31 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the
8 following: 'under this section.'

10 Further amend the bill in section 33 in that part designated
11 "~~§7525.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its
12 place the following:

14 '2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a
15 Class E crime.'

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17 Further amend the bill in section 33 in that part designated
18 "~~§7527.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its
19 place the following:

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21 '2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a
22 Class E crime.'

24 Further amend the bill in section 33 in that part designated
25 "~~§7528.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its
26 place the following:

28 '2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a
29 Class E crime.'

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31 Further amend the bill in section 33 in that part designated
32 "~~§7529.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its
33 place the following:

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35 '2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a
36 Class E crime.'

38 Further amend the bill in section 34 in that part designated
39 "~~§7531.~~" in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 9, line 29
40 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "has been lawfully
41 harvested and"

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43 Further amend the bill in section 38 in paragraph C in
44 subparagraph (7) in the first line (page 10, line 19 in L.D.) by
45 striking out the following: "or transporting"

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47 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
48 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
49 consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment does the following:

1. It removes provisions of the bill regarding gift animals;
2. It removes the provisions of the bill requiring that the department advertise registration stations in daily newspapers;
3. It removes language in the bill requiring that tags be a part of the hunting license or permit;
4. It changes the penalty language for various registration violations to make those violations Class E crimes; and
5. It clarifies that once a wild animal is legally harvested, tagged and registered there are no other requirements for the transportation of that animal.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 806

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Transporting Harvested Animals**

LR 0385(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *AS-142*

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No significant net impact - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may both increase and decrease the number of civil violations, Class D and Class E crimes filed in the court system. The net effect is expected to be minimal.