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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 867, L.D. 1170, Bill, "An Act To Redefine "Muzzle-loading Firearm" and Expand the Muzzleloader Hunting Season"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Redefine "Muzzle-loading Firearm"'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§23-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 438, Pt. A, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

23-A. Muzzle-loading firearm. "Muzzle-loading firearm" means a muzzleloader, a traditional muzzleloader or a muzzle-loading shotgun.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§§23-B and 23-C are enacted to read:

23-B. Muzzleloader. "Muzzleloader" means a firearm that:

A. Is capable of being loaded only through the muzzle;

B. Is ignited by a matchlock, wheel lock, flintlock or caplock, including an in-line caplock or shotgun or rifle primer mechanism;

2 C. Has a rifled or smooth-bored barrel or barrels, each
3 barrel capable of firing only a single charge;

4 D. Propels a ball, bullet or charge of shot; and

5 E. May have any type of sights, including scopes.

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9 23-C. Muzzle-loading shotgun. "Muzzle-loading shotgun"
10 means a firearm that:

11 A. Is capable of being loaded only through the muzzle;

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13 B. Is ignited by a matchlock, wheel lock, flintlock or
14 caplock with an exposed ignition mechanism;

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16 C. Has a smooth-bored single or double barrel, each barrel
17 capable of firing only a single charge;

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19 D. Is charged with black powder or black powder replica
20 only;

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22 E. Propels a load of shot for the purposes of fowling or
23 small game hunting;

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25 F. Propels a charge of buckshot, patched round ball or
26 full-bore diameter lead bullet for purposes of big or small
27 game hunting; and

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29 G. May have only open or aperture sights.

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31 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7001, sub-§38-B is enacted to read:**

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33 38-B. Traditional muzzleloader. "Traditional muzzleloader"
34 means a firearm that:

35 A. Is capable of being loaded only through the muzzle;

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37 B. Is ignited by a matchlock, wheel lock, flintlock or
38 caplock with an exposed ignition mechanism;

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40 C. Has a rifled or smooth-bored barrel or barrels, each
41 barrel capable of firing only a single charge;

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43 D. Is charged with black powder or black powder replica
44 only;

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46 E. Propels a lead ball, full-bore diameter lead bullet or
47 charge of shot; and

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F. May have only open or aperture sights.'

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SUMMARY

8 This amendment replaces the bill and redefines
"muzzle-loading firearm" by providing definitions for a
10 muzzleloader, a traditional muzzleloader and a muzzle-loading
shotgun.