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L.D. 486
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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 370, L.D. 486, Bill, "An Act To Establish an Apprenticeship Hunter License Program"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 6 to 8 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §11108-B is enacted to read:

§11108-B. Apprenticeship hunter license restrictions

1. Supervisor required. A holder of an apprenticeship hunter license may not hunt other than in the presence of a person at least 18 years of age who holds a valid Maine hunting license.

A. The following penalties apply to violations of this subsection.

(1) A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

(2) A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

2. Supervisor eligibility and responsibility. A supervisor must have held a valid hunting license for the prior 5 consecutive years to be qualified to supervise a holder of an apprenticeship license. A supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the holder of an apprenticeship hunter license follows safe hunting protocol and the laws under this Part. A supervisor may not intentionally permit a person hunting under an apprenticeship hunter license with that supervisor to violate subsection 1.

A. The following penalties apply to violations of this subsection.

(1) A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 must be adjudged.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 370, L.D. 486

1 presence and make a violation of that requirement a civil violation for which a fine of not
2 less than \$500 must be imposed;

3 5. Provide that a person is eligible to hold an apprenticeship hunter license only once
4 and that the license expires on December 31st;

5 6. Provide that a resident and a nonresident big game apprenticeship hunter license
6 each includes a bear hunting permit and a wild turkey hunting permit and that the resident
7 license costs \$21 and the nonresident license costs \$102; and

8 7. Provide for a nonresident small game apprenticeship hunter license for \$67.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 486

LR 637(02)

An Act To Establish an Apprenticeship Hunter License Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$10,550)	(\$10,550)	(\$10,550)
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$10,550	\$10,550	\$10,550

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations and Class E crimes. Sentences for a Class E crime must be served in a County Jail. The average cost to a county for each Class E sentence is \$2,959 based on an average length of stay of 27 days. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The establishment of fees for various apprenticeship hunter licenses will result in an increase in General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Beginning in fiscal year 2008-09, the estimated annual amount is \$10,555. The Governor's proposed General Fund budgeted appropriations for the department exceed budgeted General Fund revenue to be collected by the department by \$1,902,136 and \$2,399,297 in fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09, respectively. If the total amounts of budgeted departmental General Fund revenue approved by the 1st Session of the 123rd Legislature exceed the appropriated amounts, the Legislature will be required to appropriate additional General Fund amounts to meet the constitutional requirement that the total level of General Fund appropriations must be at least equal to the undedicated revenue collected by the department.