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3 INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 979, L.D. 1387, Bill, "An Act
10 Concerning the Taking of Nuisance Animals"

11 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

12 'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12402, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
13 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

14 4. Warden's certificate. A game warden shall investigate an incident under this
15 section as soon as possible and, if the game warden is satisfied that the wild animal or
16 wild turkey was taken as provided in this section, give the person who killed the wild
17 animal or wild turkey a certificate that entitles the cultivator, owner, mortgagee or keeper
18 of the orchard or growing crop to own the carcass or carcasses, which may be possessed
19 and consumed only within the immediate family of the cultivator, owner, mortgagee or
20 keeper of the orchard or growing crop, or, in accordance with the labeling requirements
21 for possession of deer, bear, moose or wild turkey, to transfer possession of those wild
22 animals or wild turkeys to another person. Any excess carcasses after the first 2 carcasses
23 of ~~deer~~, bear, moose or wild turkey or after the first 3 carcasses of deer killed or taken
24 under subsection 1 or 2 must be distributed to recipients authorized through the Hunters
25 for the Hungry Program established in section 10108, subsection 8 or as otherwise
26 authorized by the game warden.'

27 SUMMARY

28 This amendment retains the provisions of current law regarding who is eligible to
29 keep the carcasses of nuisance animals and allows a person to keep up to 3 nuisance deer
30 carcasses. The bill allowed 5 nuisance deer carcasses to be kept.