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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 25, L.D. 66, Bill, "An Act To Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List by Removing the Bald Eagle"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 and before the summary the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12810 is enacted to read:

§12810. Delisted species

1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "delisted species" means a species that was listed as a state endangered or threatened species under section 12803 and after 2007 was removed from that list by the Legislature. The following is a delisted species:

A. Bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus.

2. Prohibited acts regarding delisted species. Except as otherwise authorized by the commissioner pursuant to this Part, a person may not intentionally:

A. Import into the State or export out of the State a delisted species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime;

B. Hunt, trap or possess a delisted species within the State. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime;

C. Process, sell, offer for sale, deliver, carry, transport or ship, by any means whatsoever, a delisted species or any part of a delisted species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime; or

D. Feed, set bait for or harass a delisted species. A law enforcement officer, as defined in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5, must issue a warning to a person who violates this paragraph for the first time. A person who violates this paragraph after having previously been given a warning under this paragraph commits a Class D crime.'

SUMMARY

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This amendment provides a species that was listed as a state endangered or threatened species but was removed from that list after 2007 the same protections against certain intentional acts as was provided that species when it was listed as a state endangered or threatened species.