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L.D. 640
(Filing No. H-221)

Minority

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 470, L.D. 640, Bill, "An Act To Encourage Coyote Management"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Complimentary license for killed coyotes. A resident who hunts coyote and who has killed 10 coyotes within one year may be issued a complimentary hunting license under section 11109, subsection 3, paragraph B for the subsequent year upon application to the commissioner and upon certification of the coyotes killed. The commissioner shall adopt rules governing the certification of coyotes killed under this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report. It provides a complimentary hunting license, instead of the complimentary antlerless deer permit in the bill, to a resident who kills 10 coyotes in one year.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/07/11 *mac*

125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 640

LR 755(02)

An Act To Encourage Coyote Management

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

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation provides a complimentary hunting license to anyone who hunts coyote and has killed 10 coyotes within one year. Currently, hunters who kill coyotes do not tag them, therefore it is unknown how many are killed each year. The bill does not specify how the department will certify the number of coyotes killed each year by any one hunter. If the rules require the coyotes to be tagged, it is unlikely anyone will kill the required 10 since the tagging fee is \$5 per coyote. If the department develops another method to certify the number of coyotes killed, General Fund revenues could be reduced.