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An Act To Establish a Coyote Bounty Permit

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CASAVANT of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIS of Sangerville,
MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield,
VOLK of Scarborough, WEAVER of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11161** is enacted to read:

3 **§11161. Coyote bounty permit**

4 **1. Eligibility; hunting license required.** A person who possesses a valid hunting
5 license is eligible to obtain a coyote bounty permit from the commissioner.

6 **2. Issuance.** The commissioner shall issue a coyote bounty permit to eligible
7 persons for a fee of \$40.

8 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11162** is enacted to read:

9 **§11162. Registration stations and agents**

10 **1. Registration stations established.** The commissioner shall adopt rules governing
11 the establishment and closure of coyote registration stations for the purpose of registering
12 coyote and to allow for the collection of biological and hunting data. Rules adopted
13 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
14 subchapter 2-A.

15 **2. Agents designated.** A registration agent designated by the commissioner must be
16 in charge of each coyote registration station.

17 **3. Agent duties.** A registration agent shall:

18 **A. Register every coyote legally presented for registration;**

19 **B. Attach a seal to a coyote in the manner directed and with the materials furnished**
20 **by the commissioner; and**

21 **C. Pay the person registering a coyote a \$10 bounty for each coyote registered.**

22 **4. Publication of registration stations.** A list of registration stations for coyote
23 must be published annually in one or more daily newspapers in the State and on the
24 department's publicly accessible website.

25 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11163** is enacted to read:

26 **§11163. Tagging coyote**

27 **1. Tags.** The commissioner shall prescribe the form and content of and produce
28 coyote tags.

29 **2. Tagging.** Prior to presenting a coyote for registration, a person may not possess
30 or leave a coyote killed by that person unless the coyote has securely attached to it a
31 plainly visible tag that conforms to the requirements established under this section.

32 **3. Penalties.** The following penalties apply to violations of subsection 2.

