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Majority

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 193, L.D. 275, Bill, "An Act To Remove Crossbows from the Restriction on Discharging Weapons near Buildings"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Allow the Use of a Crossbow for Recreational Target Practice within 100 Yards of a Building without the Owner's Permission'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11209, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §26, is further amended to read:

§11209. Discharge of firearm near dwelling or building

1. Prohibition. A person may not:

A. Unless a relevant municipal ordinance provides otherwise and except as provided in subsection 3 and sections 12401 and 12402, discharge a firearm, including a muzzle-loading firearm, or crossbow or cause a projectile to pass as a result of that discharge within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without the permission of the owner or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of that building or dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner; or

B. Possess a wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of this subsection, except as otherwise provided in this Part.

This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a person from killing or taking a wild animal in accordance with sections 12401 and 12402.

For purposes of this subsection section, "building" means any residential, commercial, retail, educational, religious or farm structure that is designed to be occupied by people or domesticated animals or is being used to shelter machines or harvested crops.

For purposes of this subsection section, "projectile" means a bullet, pellet, shot, shell, ball, bolt or other object propelled or launched from a firearm or crossbow.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor savings - General Fund
Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Eliminates Class E crimes.

A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.