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L.D. 767
(Filing No. H-308)

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 547, L.D. 767, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit the Feeding of Deer from August 15th to December 15th"

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

'An Act To Prohibit Feeding or Baiting Deer During Certain Parts of the Year'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10659 is enacted to read:

§10659. Feeding or baiting of deer

1. Prohibition. A person may not place salt or any other bait or food in a place to entice deer to that place from June 1st to the start of an open hunting season on deer and, if all open hunting seasons on deer are closed before December 15th for that year, from the close of the last open hunting season on deer to December 15th.

2. Penalty. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment expands the prohibition on baiting deer during an open hunting season on deer to also prohibit feeding deer by placing salt or any other bait or food in a place to entice deer to that place from June 1st to the start of an open hunting season on deer and from the close of all open hunting seasons on deer to December 15th if all open hunting seasons on deer are closed before December 15th.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 767

LR 429(02)

An Act To Prohibit the Feeding of Deer from August 15th to December 15th

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-308)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class E crimes.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill prohibits the feeding of deer from June 1st to December 15th if all open hunting seasons on deer are closed before December 15th. Any additional costs to Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a result of the deer feeding limits are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.