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L.D. 768

Date: 2/27/18 Majority (Filing No. H- 615)

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 548, L.D. 768, Bill, "An Act To Establish 2 Comprehensive Licenses for Hunting and for Hunting and Fishing"

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

'An Act To Simplify Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Licenses'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 53 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "citizen" the following: 'of the United States'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶¶K to M, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §2, are repealed.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2017, c. 125, §1, is further amended to read:

7. Archery hunting licenses; combination licenses; fees. Archery hunting licenses, combination licenses and fees are as follows:

A. A resident archery license is \$26;

B. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is \$43;

C. A nonresident archery license is \$75; and

~~D. An alien archery license is \$85; and~~

E. A nonresident 6-day archery license, which is valid for 6 consecutive hunting days, is \$26.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 10.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 15 and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2017, c. 72, §2 and c. 96, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Eligibility. Except as provided in this subsection, a resident or nonresident who is eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license by the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit. A person who has obtained a moose hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit until the 4th calendar year after the issuance of the last permit. This limitation does not apply to subpermittees under subsection 7. A person under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit and may accrue points under subsection 8 but is ineligible to receive a moose hunting permit.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 17 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §12201, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 164, §14, is repealed.'

Amend the bill by adding after section 18 the following:

'Sec. 19. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2019.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the provisions of the bill that establish comprehensive hunting licenses and comprehensive combination hunting and fishing licenses. The amendment also eliminates the provisions of the bill that allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or a clerk or other agent appointed by the commissioner to inquire of a license applicant which species the applicant intends to hunt under the license and to limit the license to the species specified.

The amendment retains the provisions of the bill that eliminate all alien licenses and permits and that allow persons who are not citizens to purchase nonresident licenses and permits if they are not considered residents.

The amendment adds an effective date of January 1, 2019.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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An Act To Establish 2 Comprehensive Licenses for Hunting and for Hunting and Fishing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-615)*

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | FY 2017-18 | FY 2018-19 | Projections FY 2019-20 | Projections FY 2020-21 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$5,132 | \$10,264 | \$10,264 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | (\$5,132) | (\$10,264) | (\$10,264) |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill will eliminate all alien hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) and would allow persons who are not United States citizens to purchase nonresident hunting and fishing licenses instead. Starting January 1, 2019, the purchase of nonresident hunting and fishing licenses, which are less expensive than alien hunting and fishing licenses in all categories, will reduce General Fund revenue by \$5,132 in fiscal year 2018-19 and by \$10,264 annually thereafter.