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Date: 5/31/17 Report A

L.D. 1137
(Filing No. H-351)

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 800, L.D. 1137, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting"

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

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'An Act To Lower the Age at Which a Person May Hunt with a Crossbow during Any Open Season'

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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2.

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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 to 7.

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment removes the provisions of the bill that expand crossbow hunting for deer into the regular archery-only season on deer and that remove the requirement that a person must have a valid hunting or archery hunting license or an apprenticeship hunter license or archery hunting license in order to hunt with a crossbow. The amendment retains the provision of the bill that lowers from 70 years of age to 65 years of age the age at which a person may hunt a wild bird or wild animal with a crossbow during any open season on that wild bird or wild animal, hunt in an expanded archery zone and hunt during muzzle-loading-only deer hunting season.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1137

LR 1609(02)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-351)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor fiscal impact - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Eliminates Class E crimes.

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

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill lowers the age from 70 years or older to 65 years or older that a hunter can hunt for wild birds or animals using a crossbow during certain hunting seasons. This may increase the number of crossbow permits issued by IFW and increase General Fund revenue by a minor amount.