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H.P. 1266

House of Representatives, February 6, 2018

**An Act Regarding the Termination of the Authority To Issue a
Permit for a Noise Suppression Device on a Firearm for Hunting**

Reported by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson for the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order 2017, H.P. 1250.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11161, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 262, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 **2. Permit.** In accordance with this subsection, the commissioner may issue a permit
5 to a person allowing that person to use a noise suppression device with a firearm when
6 hunting any wild animals or wild birds the person is licensed to hunt under this chapter
7 and for which use of the firearm is allowed or for the purpose of killing a wild animal or
8 wild turkey under section 12401 or 12402.

9 A. A person applying for a permit:

10 (1) Shall show proof of lawful possession of the noise suppression device; and

11 (2) May not have had a hunting license revoked as a result of a serious hunting
12 violation.

13 B. A permit is valid ~~until August 1, 2018~~, unless revoked under this section.

14 ~~The commissioner may not issue a permit under this section after July 31, 2018.~~

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and
17 Wildlife pursuant to Joint Order 2017, H.P. 1250. The bill removes the provision of law
18 that makes a permit issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to use a
19 noise suppression device with a firearm when hunting valid only until August 1, 2018.
20 The bill also removes the provision of law that prohibits the Commissioner of Inland
21 Fisheries and Wildlife from issuing a permit allowing a person to use a noise suppression
22 device with a firearm when hunting after July 31, 2018.

23 The committee has not taken a position on the substance of this bill. By reporting
24 this bill out, the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees
25 or disagrees with any aspect of this bill. The committee is reporting the bill out for the
26 sole purpose of having a bill printed that can be referred to the committee for an
27 appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The
28 committee is taking this action to ensure clarity and transparency in the legislative review
29 of the proposals contained in the bill.