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L.D. 121
(Filing No. H-276)

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 103, L.D. 121, Bill, "An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Implement a Firearm Safety and Firearm Violence Prevention Program"

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

'An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Promote Safety with Respect to the Handling or Use of Firearms, Watercraft, All-terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles and in Other Outdoor Activities'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10056, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §17 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

§10056. Division of Public Information and Education

The Division of Public Information and Education is established within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and is responsible for the administration of programs to increase the public's knowledge and understanding of inland fisheries and wildlife resources and the management of these resources, including the administration of education programs for hunter safety and for the safe operation of snowmobiles, watercraft and all-terrain vehicles. The division's responsibilities include public education, promotion of inland fisheries and wildlife resources and the dissemination of information. The division's responsibilities also include conducting annual campaigns promoting safety in the handling and use of firearms, watercraft, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles as well as campaigns promoting safety with respect to other outdoor activities to the extent the division determines doing so would help improve safety in the woodlands and inland waters of the State. Campaigns to promote safety must be designed to reach target audiences effectively through television, radio, Internet or other communication mediums.'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Division of Public Information and Education to annually undertake campaigns to promote safety in the handling and use of firearms, watercraft, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. The division is also directed to promote safety with respect to other outdoor activities to the extent the division determines such campaigns would help improve safety. The campaigns must be designed to reach the target audiences effectively through television, radio, Internet or other communication mediums.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Implement a Firearm Safety and Firearm Violence Prevention Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-276)
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a result of clarifications regarding the type of public awareness and educational campaigns conducted or the methods used to promote these campaigns are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.