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Date: 3/28/19

(Filing No. S-26)

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 77, L.D. 265, Bill, "An Act To Increase Opportunities for Hunters, Anglers and Sporting Camps by Extending the Seasons on Upland Game"

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

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this Act must become effective before the end of the 90-day period in order for the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules relating to the open season on the hunting of upland game before the 2019 season; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10954** is enacted to read:

**§10954. Start of open season on upland game**

The open season on upland game must begin on the last Saturday in September. The commissioner, by rule, shall determine the length of the open season on upland game.

As used in this section, "upland game" means snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, ruffed grouse and bobwhite quail.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause. It establishes that the open season on upland game must begin on the last Saturday in September and authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish the length of the season. It also removes ring-necked pheasant from the definition of "upland game."

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 265

LR 860(02)

**An Act To Increase Opportunities for Hunters, Anglers and Sporting Camps by Extending the Seasons on Upland Game**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-26)**

**Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## 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 changing the beginning date for the open season on upland game and allowing the department to determine the length of the upland game open season are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.