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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 249, L.D. 635, "An Act To Repeal the Requirement To Obtain a Permit before Hunting with a Noise Suppression Device"

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

'An Act Relating to Hunting with a Noise Suppression Device'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Mandatory hunting license revocation when using a suppressor. The commissioner shall suspend a person's hunting license for at least 3 years if that person is convicted of any violation listed in subsection 6 and found to have been in possession, at the time of the offense, of a firearm with a device used to suppress or deaden the sound or natural report of the firearm.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11161, as amended by PL 2017, c. 366, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 262, §2, is repealed.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and makes the following changes relating to hunting with a noise suppression device.

1. It repeals the law prohibiting the use of a noise suppression device when hunting without a noise suppression device permit.

2. It repeals the law relating to the use of noise suppression devices, including the permit requirement as well as the current enhanced penalties and mandatory license

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1 revocations that apply to committing hunting crimes while using a noise suppression
2 device.

3 3. It creates a new provision providing for the suspension of a person's hunting license
4 for at least 3 years if that person is convicted of any of the violations listed in the Maine
5 Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10902, subsection 6 and found to have been in
6 possession of a firearm with a noise suppression device. The violations listed in Title 12,
7 section 10902, subsection 6 are violations for which a mandatory license revocation of at
8 least one year currently applies.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 635

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An Act To Repeal the Requirement To Obtain a Permit before Hunting with a Noise Suppression Device

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-83)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund
Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill repeals the laws prohibiting the use of a noise suppression device when hunting without a noise suppression device permit and creates new provisions that allow for suspension of a hunting license for a period of three years instead of one year if a person is convicted of certain hunting violations while in possession of a firearm with a noise suppression device. Requiring violators be ineligible to obtain hunting or fishing licenses for a period of three years may reduce the number of licenses issued and reduce General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by minor amounts.