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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 575, L.D. 770, "An Act To Apply the Civil Trespass Law to Hunting Dogs"

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

'Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Examine Issues Related to Hunting Dogs and Civil Trespass'

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

'Sec. 1. Examination. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a stakeholder group to examine issues related to hunting dogs and civil trespass. The department shall ensure that the stakeholder group is as broadly representative of interested parties and groups as possible and shall invite participation from at least the following: representatives of affected landowners and persons who use dogs in hunting and others with interest in or expertise on the subject matter of the examination. The department may include or involve the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10157 in the work of the stakeholder group.

'Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the findings and recommendations resulting from the examination under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 3, 2022. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the 130th Legislature.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a stakeholder group to examine issues related to hunting dogs and civil trespass. The department must

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2 groups as possible and invite participation from at least the following: representatives of
3 affected landowners and persons who use dogs in hunting and others with interest in or
4 expertise on the subject matter of the examination. The department may include or involve
5 the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board in the work of the stakeholder
6 group.
- 7 2. It directs the department to report the findings and recommendations resulting from
8 the examination to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by
9 January 3, 2022. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the
10 report to the 130th Legislature.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 (See attached)



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LR 1156(02)

An Act To Apply the Civil Trespass Law to Hunting Dogs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-226)*

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 forming a stakeholder group to examine issues related to hunting dogs and civil trespass and reporting back on the findings by January 3, 2022 are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.