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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1478, L.D. 1992, "An Act Related to the Electronic Registration and Tagging of Turkey"

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Amend the bill in section 7 in §12307 in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or 2023"

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

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Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF
Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

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Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the capture and banding of turkeys and for a hunter survey to prevent loss of important wildlife management information with the implementation of electronic registration and tagging of turkey.

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GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$16,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$16,000

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment limits to the year 2022 the exception to the requirement to register or attach a tag to a turkey killed during the fall open season.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1992

LR 2628(02)

An Act Related to the Electronic Registration and Tagging of Turkey

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *(A.C.H-878)*

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) to allow electronic registration of wild turkeys harvested. Under the current in-person tagging process, IFW receives information required to accurately account for the number of male wild turkeys taken each spring by age and wild management district and uses it to assess harvest impact on the population and set bag limits. To prevent losing this information from moving to an electronic process, the bill includes a one-time appropriation of \$13,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 to provide monetary compensation to hunters who report the harvest of a banded wild turkey. This study would repeat in five-year increments and require additional funding in future years. The bill also includes a one-time appropriation of \$3,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 for the communication costs of conducting a turkey hunter survey used to gauge registration accuracy.