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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 299, L D 482, "An Act to Extend the Time for Youth Deer Hunting"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause 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 legislation creates a 2-day youth deer hunting period in 2023, and
Whereas, the earliest date for the youth deer hunting period is expected to be October 20, 2023, and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect in time to prepare for the start of the 2023 deer hunting 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,'

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

'Sec. 1. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish 2-day youth deer hunting period. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11402, subsection 4, paragraph C, for the 2023 deer hunting season only, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a 2-day youth deer hunting period beginning 8 days before the start of the 2023 regular deer hunting season

Sec. 2. Examination. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall examine the impact of an additional dedicated youth hunting day, as required by section 1, on the deer population including the impact on the antlerless deer population and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's ability to meet its wildlife management goals

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Sec. 3. Report. By March 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that includes findings and recommendations of the examination pursuant to section 2, including any recommended legislation, if needed. After receiving the report, the committee may report out a bill relating to the examination to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature

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

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

SUMMARY

- This amendment replaces the bill
- 1 It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.
- 2. Current law provides for a one-day youth deer hunting day. The amendment establishes a 2-day youth deer hunting period for 2023 to begin 8 days before the start of the regular deer hunting season.
- 3 It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine the impact of an additional dedicated youth deer hunting day on the deer population and wildlife management goals.
- 4 It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the findings and recommendations of the examination and authorizes the committee to report out legislation on those findings in 2024.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 482

LR 1282(02)

An Act to Extend the Time for Youth Deer Hunting

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-262)*
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 to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources