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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 352, L D 547, "An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12051, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read

D Notwithstanding paragraph C, until May 1, 2025, in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9, a resident may train up to 6 dogs at any one time on bear from July 1st to the 4th day preceding the open season on hunting bear except that permission is required to train dogs on land used for wild blueberry production

This paragraph is repealed May 1, 2025

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report any findings and recommendations resulting from the changes in practice under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 15, 2025 The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 '

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill It removes the prohibition until May 1, 2025 on training hunting dogs on bear in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9 for residents who have permission to train on land used for wild blueberry production The amendment also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having

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jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters any recommendations resulting from this change to the 132nd Legislative in 2025

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of 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 savings - General Fund
Minor revenue decrease - General Fund
Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

There may be a minor reduction of workload associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system

A reduction in fine revenue associated with removing the prohibition on training hunting dogs on bear in specific locations will decrease General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources