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Date 6/5/23 Minority

L D 672
(Filing No H-335)

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 441, L D 672, "An Act to Establish Youth Deer Hunting Weekend"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following
'Resolve, to Establish a 3-day Youth Deer Hunting Period for 2023'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting 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 3-day youth deer hunting period in 2023 and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report on the impact of the youth deer hunting period in March of 2024, 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, be it

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish 3-day youth deer hunting period. Resolved: That, for the 2023 deer hunting season only, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish, instead of a one-day youth deer hunting day, a 3-day youth deer hunting period beginning 8 days before the start of the 2023 regular deer hunting season

Sec. 2. Examination. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall examine the impact of the 2 additional dedicated youth deer hunting days, as required by section 1, on the deer population, on the antlerless deer population and on the

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1 department's ability to meet its wildlife management goals and shall examine the impact of
2 youth deer hunting on Sunday

3 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than March 1, 2024, the Commissioner
4 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland
5 Fisheries and Wildlife the findings and recommendations of the examination under section
6 2 of the 2 additional dedicated youth deer hunting days, including any recommended
7 legislation, if needed After receiving the report, the committee may report out a bill
8 relating to youth deer hunting to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature

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

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

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and does the following

15 1 Current law provides for a one-day youth deer hunting day The amendment
16 establishes a 3-day youth deer hunting period for 2023 to begin 8 days before the start of
17 the regular deer hunting season

18 2 It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to examine the impact
19 of youth deer hunting on Sunday and the impact of 2 additional dedicated youth deer
20 hunting days on the deer population, the antlerless deer population and wildlife
21 management goals

22 3 It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the Joint
23 Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the findings and recommendations
24 of the examination and authorizes the committee to report out legislation on those findings
25 to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

26 4 It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
28 (See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 672

LR 1548(02)

An Act to Establish Youth Deer Hunting Weekend

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-335)

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