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#### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

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LD: 902

902 AN ACT RELATING TO COYOTE CONTROL

RIDLEY JACQUES MICHAUD LANDER

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#### SUMMARY:

The purposes of this bill are:

- 1. To establish a bounty on coyotes.
- 2. To establish a \$2 fee for a permit to hunt coyotes at night. The bill also extends the hours and season for night hunting of coyotes and removes the restriction on coyote night hunting; of shotguns only, snow covered ground and proximity to a motor vehicle.
- 3. To require that the funds raised from the sales of supersports licenses be used in the department's Animal Damage Control Program.

Committee Amendment A strikes out the original bill in its entirety. It establishes an animal damage control program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. There is a specific provision for the snaring of coyotes by trained agents in unorganized towns during the winter months. Any costs associated with control of coyotes for the benefit of agricultural interests would be reimbursed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. This puts into law a two year old program currently contained in existing departmental rules.

LD: 903 EMERGENCY AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERS AND WILDLIFE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1985

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#### SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill is to make additional allocations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, to fund the costs related to the collective bargaining agreements and approved by the Legislature in Private and Special Laws, 1983, chapter 107.