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January 3, 2022. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to big game tagging to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

2. It directs the department to take actions necessary to increase the number of big game animal registration stations to meet registration needs. The department is authorized to allow wild game processing facilities, hunting outfitters and other appropriate hunting-related businesses to apply to be selected as registration agents and to waive requirements established in the department's rules for registration stations to operate for a minimum number of days per week or a minimum number of hours per day or to satisfy restrictions related to location.

LD 1244 An Act To Extend Electronic Proof of Registration to All-terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles and Watercraft

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 130 allows a person to present or have available for inspection an electronic form of a registration certificate, online registration receipt or certificate of number for a snowmobile, watercraft or all-terrain vehicle.

LD 1376 An Act To Clarify and Enhance Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 184 does the following.

1. It makes technical cross-reference corrections.
2. It corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2017, chapters 427 and 458, which affected the same provision of law. It provides that no more than 8% of moose hunting permits may be issued to nonresidents and no more than 2% may be issued to hunting outfitters.
3. It removes an obsolete provision in the moose permit law related to hunting in road safety management areas.
4. It eliminates the requirement that moose hunters complete a questionnaire.
5. It provides that a person who has lawfully killed and registered a wild turkey may sell the plumage, wing bones, beard and lower legs of that animal.
6. It provides that a person may not sell any live wildlife unless authorized to do so.

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7. It removes an obsolete provision relating to nonresident junior fishing licenses, which are no longer issued.
8. It provides that a person licensed to deal in live smelts or baitfish may not receive, possess for resale, sell or offer to sell gift baitfish or gift smelts.
9. It adds the towns of Detroit and Burnham to the description of the Plymouth Bog Wildlife Management Area.
10. It adds the Pleasant Bay Wildlife Management Area in Washington County to the list of wildlife management areas.
11. It makes terminology related to the requirements for taillights for snowmobiles and ATVs consistent: at least one taillight capable of displaying a red light visible at a distance of at least 100 feet.
12. It removes cross references in the laws prohibiting operating a snowmobile or ATV within 200 feet of dwellings, nursing homes, convalescent homes and churches. The laws create exceptions when operating on public ways in accordance with several other provisions that are cross referenced; two of those cross references are to provisions that relate to failing to stop before entering a public way and failing to yield the right-of-way to vehicles while operating on public or private ways. This law removes these two cross references. The law also clarifies the cross reference to the provisions relating to operating on controlled access highways. The underlying prohibitions and exceptions, however, remain otherwise unaffected.
13. It makes non-substantive changes to the provision governing the registration of an ATV by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed in this State, making it more consistent with a similar provision for the registration of a snowmobile. It provides that registration fees for the registration of such an ATV must be allocated as if the person registering the ATV was a resident of the municipality where the member is stationed.
14. It removes an incorrect cross-reference to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2083 in the laws governing wearing helmets while on an all-terrain vehicle.
15. It allows the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council to conduct public meetings using telephonic, video, electronic or other means of remote participation if certain requirements are met.