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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1024, L.D. 1435, Bill, “An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Laws”

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10108, sub-§§2 and 5, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, are amended to read:

2. Promotion of hunting, fishing and camping. The commissioner may implement a program designed to promote fisheries and wildlife resources and attract hunters and anglers to the State. As part of this program, the commissioner may reduce the price of certain types of licenses for specified periods of time to promote license sales for hunting and fishing in the State. The commissioner may offer complimentary licenses as part of a department program or for promotional purposes. Any loss of revenue due to the issuance of complimentary licenses under this subsection may be offset by revenues from other department programs and funds dedicated to the Division of Public Information and Education. The commissioner may implement a program that expends funds for the purpose of recognizing individuals who contribute, either through volunteer efforts or some other form of contribution, to the mission of the department. ~~This program~~ These programs may include coordination of activities between the public and private sectors and utilization of promotional missions, exhibits, brochures, technical assistance and expertise as necessary to develop and promote hunting, fishing and camping activities within the State. The commissioner shall coordinate ~~this program~~ these programs with the activities of the Department of Economic and Community Development. Any purchases made as a result of that coordination must be by competitive bid.

5. "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" program. The "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" program is established in the department to encourage youth fishing activities in

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1 the State. The commissioner may accept money, goods or services donated to the
2 department for the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" program. Money, goods and
3 services accepted by the commissioner under this subsection may be used only for ~~those~~
4 program activities, including providing gifts to program participants, and to promote and
5 market the program. Gifts may include but are not limited to complimentary fishing
6 licenses, fishing tackle and fishing equipment.

7 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10108, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §30
8 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

9 **10. Becoming an Outdoors Woman.** The Becoming an Outdoors Woman program
10 is established in the department to encourage women to participate in hunting, fishing and
11 other outdoor activities within the State. The commissioner may sponsor Becoming an
12 Outdoors Woman events, establish appropriate fees for participation and accept money,
13 goods and services donated to the department for the Becoming an Outdoors Woman
14 program. Money, goods and services accepted by the commissioner under this subsection
15 may be used only for program activities, including activities designed to enhance the
16 program such as giving gifts to program participants, or to assist in promoting and
17 marketing the program.'

18 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 and inserting the following:

19 **'Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §11105, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 139, §1, is further
20 amended to read:

21 **1. Hunter safety course requirements.** Except as provided in subsection 2, a
22 person who applies for a Maine license to hunt with firearms other than a juvenile license
23 must submit proof of having successfully completed a hunter safety course as provided in
24 section 10108 or an equivalent hunter safety course or satisfactory evidence of having
25 previously held ~~an~~ a valid adult license to hunt with firearms in this State or any other
26 state, province or country in any year beginning with 1976.

27 When proof of competency can not otherwise be provided, the applicant may substitute a
28 signed affidavit that the applicant has previously held the required adult hunting license
29 or that the applicant has successfully completed the required hunter safety course.

30 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §11106, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 139, §2, is further
31 amended to read:

32 **2. Archery hunter education requirements.** Except as provided in subsection 3, a
33 person who applies for an archery hunting license other than a junior hunting license or
34 an apprenticeship hunter license must submit proof of having successfully completed an
35 archery hunter education course as described in section 10108 or an equivalent archery
36 hunter education course or satisfactory evidence of having previously held ~~an~~ a valid
37 adult archery hunting license issued specifically for the purpose of hunting with bow and
38 arrow in this State or any other state, province or country in any year after 1979.

39 When proof or evidence can not be otherwise provided, the applicant may substitute a
40 signed affidavit that the applicant has previously held the required adult archery hunting
41 license or has successfully completed the required archery hunter education course.'

42 Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

1 **Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO,
2 §2, is further amended to read:

3 F. A nonresident junior hunting license, for a person 10 years of age or older and
4 under 16 years of age, is \$34. Notwithstanding the permit fees established in
5 subchapter 3, a nonresident junior hunting license includes all permits, stamps and
6 other permissions needed to hunt at no additional cost.

7 **Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 533, §4, is
8 further amended to read:

9 **7. Special antlerless deer permit.** The commissioner shall issue a special antlerless
10 deer permit to an eligible person who ~~is suffering from the loss of or the permanent loss~~
11 ~~of use of both lower extremities~~ has lost all or part of one or more lower limbs, not
12 including a partial foot amputation. The commissioner shall issue a permit upon
13 application and after the applicant verifies that person's ambulatory disability with a letter
14 signed by a physician confirming the person's condition. A person who is issued a
15 special antlerless deer permit under this subsection may take an antlerless deer in any part
16 of the State open to the taking of antlerless deer pursuant to subsection 3.'

17 Amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the following:

18 **Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §11453, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
19 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

20 **1. Unlawfully driving deer.** A person may not participate in a hunt for deer during
21 which an organized or planned effort is made to drive deer ~~except that a group of 3 or~~
22 ~~fewer persons may hunt together as long as they do not use noisemaking devices.~~ For
23 purposes of this subsection, 4 or more persons working together to move deer constitutes
24 an organized or planned effort to drive deer.'

25 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 13 and inserting the following:

26 **Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
27 affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

28 **Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§6, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO,
29 §11, is repealed.

30 **Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §12503, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
31 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

32 **1. Persons under 16.** A resident person under 16 years of age ~~and a nonresident~~
33 ~~under 12 years of age~~ may fish without a license.

34 **Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §12708, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 253, §34, is
35 further amended to read:

36 B. The following areas are classified as state-owned wildlife management areas, or
37 "WMAs":

38 (1) Blanchard/AuClair WMA (Roach River Corridor) - T1 R14 WELS -
39 Piscataquis County;

- 1 (2) ~~Brownfield~~ Major Gregory Sanborn WMA - Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg
2 - Oxford County;
- 3 (3) George Bucknam WMA (Belgrade Stream) - Mt. Vernon - Kennebec
4 County;
- 5 (4) Caesar Pond WMA - Bowdoin - Sagadahoc County;
- 6 (5) Chesterville WMA - Chesterville - Franklin County;
- 7 (6) Coast of Maine WMA - all state-owned coastal islands that are owned or
8 managed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- 9 (7) Dickwood Lake WMA - Eagle Lake - Aroostook County;
- 10 (8) Francis D. Dunn WMA (Sawtelle Deadwater) - T6 R7 WELS - Penobscot
11 County;
- 12 (9) Fahi Pond WMA - Embden - Somerset County;
- 13 (10) Lyle Frost WMA (formerly Scammon) - Eastbrook, Franklin - Hancock
14 County;
- 15 (11) Alonzo H. Garcelon WMA (Mud Mill Flowage) - Augusta, Windsor,
16 Vassalboro, China - Kennebec County;
- 17 (12) Great Works WMA - Edmunds Township - Washington County;
- 18 (13) Jamies Pond WMA - Manchester, Farmingdale, Hallowell - Kennebec
19 County;
- 20 (14) Jonesboro WMA - Jonesboro - Washington County;
- 21 (15) Earle R. Kelley WMA (Dresden Bog) - Alna, Dresden - Lincoln County;
- 22 (16) Kennebunk Plains WMA - Kennebunk - York County;
- 23 (17) Bud Leavitt WMA (Bull Hill) - Atkinson, Charleston, Dover-Foxcroft,
24 Garland - Penobscot County and Piscataquis County;
- 25 (18) Gene Letourneau WMA (Frye Mountain) - Montville, Knox, Morrill -
26 Waldo County;
- 27 (19) Long Lake WMA - St. Agatha - Aroostook County (all of Long Lake within
28 the Town of St. Agatha);
- 29 (20) Madawaska WMA - Palmyra - Somerset County;
- 30 (20-A) Maine Youth Conservation WMA - T32MD - Hancock County;
- 31 (21) Mainstream WMA - Cambridge, Ripley - Somerset County;
- 32 (22) Lt. Gordon Manuel WMA - Hodgdon, Cary Plantation, Linneus -
33 Aroostook County;

- 1 (23) Maynard F. Marsh WMA (Killick Pond) - Hollis, Limington - York
2 County;
- 3 (24) Mercer Bog WMA - Mercer - Somerset County;
- 4 (25) Merrymeeting Bay WMA - Dresden, Bowdoinham, Woolwich, Bath,
5 Topsham - Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County;
- 6 (26) Morgan Meadow WMA - Raymond - Cumberland County;
- 7 (27) Mt. Agamenticus WMA - York, South Berwick - York County;
- 8 (28) Muddy River WMA - Topsham - Sagadahoc County;
- 9 (29) Narraguagus Junction WMA - Cherryfield - Washington County;
- 10 (30) Old Pond Farm WMA - Maxfield, Howland - Penobscot County;
- 11 (31) Orange River WMA - Whiting - Washington County;
- 12 (32) Peaks Island WMA - Portland - Cumberland County;
- 13 (33) Pennamaquam WMA - Pembroke, Charlotte - Washington County;
- 14 (34) Steve Powell WMA - Perkins Township - Sagadahoc County (being the
15 islands in the Kennebec River near Richmond known as Swan Island and Little
16 Swan Island, formerly known as Alexander Islands);
- 17 (35) David Priest WMA (Dwinal Pond) - Lee, Winn - Penobscot County;
- 18 (36) James Dorso Ruffingham Meadow WMA - Montville, Searsmont - Waldo
19 County;
- 20 (37) St. Albans WMA - St. Albans - Somerset County;
- 21 (38) Sandy Point WMA - Stockton Springs - Waldo County;
- 22 (39) Scarborough WMA - Scarborough, Old Orchard Beach, Saco - Cumberland
23 County and York County;
- 24 (40) Steep Falls WMA - Standish, Baldwin - Cumberland County;
- 25 (41) Tyler Pond WMA - Manchester, Augusta - Kennebec County;
- 26 (42) Vernon S. Walker WMA - Newfield, Shapleigh - York County;
- 27 (43) R. Waldo Tyler Weskeag Marsh WMA - South Thomaston, Thomaston,
28 Rockland, Owl's Head, Friendship - Knox County;
- 29 (43-A) Kennebec River Estuary WMA - Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown,
30 Phippsburg, West Bath, Woolwich - Sagadahoc County;
- 31 (43-B) Tolla Wolla WMA - Livermore - Androscoggin County;
- 32 (43-C) Green Point WMA - Dresden - Lincoln County;

- 1 (43-D) Hurds Pond WMA - Swanville - Waldo County;
2 (43-E) Sherman Lake WMA - Newcastle, Damariscotta - Lincoln County;
3 (43-F) Ducktrap River WMA - Belmont, Lincolnville - Waldo County;
4 (45) Stump Pond WMA - New Vineyard - Franklin County;
5 (46) Bog Brook WMA - Beddington, Deblois - Washington County;
6 (47) Cobscook Bay WMA - Lubec, Pembroke, Perry, Trescott Township -
7 Washington County;
8 (48) Mattawamkeag River System WMA - Drew Plantation, Kingman Township,
9 Prentiss Township, Webster Township - Penobscot County;
10 (49) Booming Ground WMA - Forest City - Washington County;
11 (50) Butler Island WMA - Ashland - Aroostook County;
12 (51) Pollard Flat WMA - Masardis - Aroostook County;
13 (52) Caribou Bog WMA - Old Town, Orono - Penobscot County;
14 (53) Delano WMA - Monson - Piscataquis County;
15 (54) Egypt Bay WMA - Hancock - Hancock County;
16 (55) Spring Brook WMA - Hancock - Hancock County;
17 (56) Strong WMA - Strong - Franklin County;
18 (57) Plymouth Bog WMA - Plymouth - Penobscot County; and
19 (58) Such other areas as the commissioner designates, by rules adopted in
20 accordance with section 12701, as state-owned wildlife management areas.

21 **Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §12952, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
22 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

23 A. Possess, at the licensee's place of business, lawfully acquired fish or wildlife
24 specimens for the sole purpose of preparing and mounting them, including skull
25 mounts;

26 **Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
27 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

28 F. A motorboat from a country other than the United States, as long as the
29 motorboat has not been within this State for a period in excess of 60 consecutive
30 days; ~~and~~

31 **Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§2, ¶G**, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 1, §9 and
32 affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. A, §§55 and 56, is amended to
33 read:

1 G. A motorboat used exclusively for racing purposes that displays on its hull in a
2 prominent manner a valid boat number issued by a recognized racing association;
3 and

4 **Sec. 20. 12 MRSA §13056, sub-§2, ¶H** is enacted to read:

5 H. A motorboat participating in an event as permitted by section 13061.

6 **Sec. 21. 12 MRSA §13109, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
7 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

8 **4. Temporary registrations and numbers.** The commissioner may issue temporary
9 numbers and registrations for snowmobiles to bona fide dealers, who may, upon the sale
10 or exchange of a snowmobile, issue them to new owners in order to allow them to operate
11 snowmobiles for a period of 20 consecutive days after the ~~day~~ date of sale in lieu of a
12 permanent number as required by this chapter. The fee for each temporary registration
13 certificate is \$1.'

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

16 SUMMARY

17 This amendment strikes the provision of the bill regarding registration of antique
18 motorboats. This amendment also:

19 1. Waives the boat registration requirement for motorboats participating in a
20 permitted event;

21 2. Renames a wildlife management area after Major Gregory Sanborn;

22 3. Allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to charge a \$1 fee for a
23 temporary registration certificate for a snowmobile dealer;

24 4. Changes what constitutes driving deer;

25 5. Includes skull mounts as part of the list of activities that a taxidermist license
26 holder may partake in;

27 6. Allows certain Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife programs to offer
28 gifts;

29 7. Clarifies the law that allows for special antlerless deer permits to be issued to
30 certain amputees;

31 8. Eliminates the fishing license requirement for all individuals under 16 years of
32 age; and

33 9. Includes all nonresident junior hunting permits in a nonresident junior hunting
34 license at no additional cost.