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An Act To Prevent the Domestication of Wild Turkey and Deer

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10657 is enacted to read:

§ 10657. Feeding wild turkey or deer

1. Feeding wild turkey. A person may not intentionally feed a wild turkey.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated of a prior violation of this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated of 2 or more prior violations of this subsection commits a Class E crime.

D. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

2. Feeding deer. A person may not intentionally feed or provide salt to a deer.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated of a prior violation of this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated of 2 or more prior violations of this subsection commits a Class E crime.

D. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

4. Exceptions. This section does not apply to the feeding of wild turkey or deer pursuant to section 10105, subsection 10 and chapter 915, subchapter 15 and Title 7 sections 1809 and 3933 and Title 7, chapters 202 and 202-A. This section does not apply to activities of the department conducted pursuant to section 10051.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a person from feeding a wild turkey or deer.