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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 352, L.D. 547, “An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12051, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Notwithstanding paragraph C, until May 1, 2025, in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9, a resident may train up to 6 dogs at any one time on bear from July 1st to the 4th day preceding the open season on hunting bear except that permission is required to train dogs on land used for wild blueberry production.

This paragraph is repealed May 1, 2025.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report any findings and recommendations resulting from the changes in practice under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 15, 2025. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It removes the prohibition until May 1, 2025 on training hunting dogs on bear in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9 for residents who have permission to train on land used for wild blueberry production. The amendment also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having

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1 jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters any recommendations resulting from
2 this change to the 132nd Legislative in 2025.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)