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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 777, L.D. 1048, “An Act To Promote Hunting by Persons with Disabilities”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Promote Hunting by Veterans with Disabilities'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11452, sub-§1, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §171 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

1. Prohibitions. A Except as provided under subsection 1-A, a person may not, during an open hunting season on deer:

- A. Place salt or any other bait or food in a place to entice deer to that place; or
- B. Hunt from an observation stand or blind overlooking salt, grain, fruit, nuts or other foods known to be attractive to deer. This prohibition does not apply to hunting from an observation stand or blind overlooking:
 - (1) Standing crops;
 - (2) Foods that are left as a result of normal agricultural operations or as a result of a natural occurrence; or
 - (3) Bear bait that is placed at a bear hunting stand or blind in accordance with section 11301, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11452, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Exception; disabled veteran. Subsection 1 does not apply to a disabled veteran who has been issued a hunting license under section 10853, subsection 4.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment allows a disabled veteran with a service-connected disability evaluated at 50% or more to hunt deer over bait.