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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 70, L.D. 131, “An Act to Clarify and Correct Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws”

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 245, §1, is amended to read:

11. Species Fish and Wildlife Management Education Fund. The department shall deposit \$1 of every hunting license and trapping license fee collected pursuant to sections 11109, 11109-A and 12201 in a separate account within the department, to be known as the ~~Species~~ Fish and Wildlife Management Education Fund. The fund is nonlapsing. The department shall use money in the fund on an annual basis to educate the public on the management of game species of fish and wildlife and to communicate with the public about department programs. The department may contract with a private entity to provide this education. Education provided pursuant to this section ~~must~~ may include information about how hunting and fishing ~~helps~~ help to manage specific species. The department may continue its activities pursuant to this subsection during ballot initiative campaigns concerning fish and wildlife issues.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

Amend the bill in section 4 in paragraph D in the 8th and 9th lines (page 1, lines 38 and 39 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", except when a test was required pursuant to subsection ~~44~~ 11-A" and inserting the following: '~~;~~ ~~except when a test was required pursuant to subsection 44~~'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 9 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2023, c. 49, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

3. ~~Harvest of 6 deer~~ Deer harvest authorizations. Notwithstanding section 11501, a super pack license authorizes the holder to take:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 A. One deer during either the regular open firearm season or the regular archery season
2 or the special muzzle-loading season in accordance with sections 11401, 11403 and
3 11404, respectively; and

4 ~~B. One deer in accordance with subsection 2-A, paragraph A; and~~

5 C. Three antlerless deer and one deer of either sex during the special archery season
6 in accordance with section 11402, subsection 4.'

7 Amend the bill in section 18 in the last line (page 4, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the
8 following: "takes" and inserting the following: 'and that section of this Act that amends
9 Title 12, section 11109-A, subsection 3 take'

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

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment removes the requirement that a person involved in a hunting incident
14 or a watercraft, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle crash submit to a mandatory chemical
15 test and removes references to that requirement.

16 The amendment renames the Species Management Education Fund the Fish and
17 Wildlife Management Education Fund and allows funding to be used for education on the
18 management of fish and wildlife and to communicate with the public about department
19 programs. The amendment also removes the requirement in current law that education
20 provided under the fund must include information about how hunting and fishing help to
21 manage specific species.

22 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

23 **(See attached)**