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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 2 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§§11-A and 28-A are enacted to read:

11-A. Crossbow. "Crossbow" means a device for propelling an arrow or bolt by means of traverse limbs and a string, mounted on a stock and having a working mechanical trigger safety device and a minimum draw weight of 100 pounds.

28-A. Hand-held bow or bow. "Hand-held bow" or "bow" means a device for propelling an arrow by means of limbs and a string that is hand held, hand drawn and held in a drawn position by hand or a hand-held mechanical release. "Hand-held bow" or "bow" includes a compound bow, a recurve bow and a long bow.’

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 8 and 9 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §12602, last ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime. The court shall also impose a fine of \$20 for each fish unlawfully possessed, none of which may be suspended, except that, in the case of smelt limits, the court shall impose a fine of \$20 for each quart over the limit, none of which may be suspended.

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12661, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 301, §39, is further amended to read:

A. ~~Must remove or cause to be removed the shack or structure on the ice of any inland waters prior to the earlier of the date of ice out or 3 days after the close of the ice fishing season established pursuant to section 12454; or:~~

(1) In any area of the State in which there is a closed ice fishing season, by ice out or 3 days after the close of the ice fishing season established by the commissioner by rule pursuant to section 12454, whichever is earlier; and

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(2) In any area of the State in which there is no close of the ice fishing season pursuant to section 12454, by ice out or March 31st, whichever is earlier; or

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

SUMMARY

This amendment:

1. Removes the provisions of the bill relating to airbows;
2. Clarifies the penalties for violating the smelt fishing limits; and
3. Modifies the provision relating to the removal of ice fishing shacks to provide that:
 - A. In those portions of the State where the ice fishing season has a closed season, the current law applies, which requires removal before ice out or 3 days after the close of the season, whichever is earlier; and
 - B. In those portions of the State where there is no closed season, removal must be by ice out or March 31st, whichever is earlier.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)