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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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125TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 119, L.D. 137, Bill, “An Act To Allow the Use of Crossbows during the Archery Season”

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

**'An Act To Allow the Use of Crossbows during the Expanded Archery Season on Deer'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10953, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 419, §2 and affected by §12, is amended to read:

**1. Species and seasons.** Except as provided in this Part, a person may hunt bear with a crossbow during the open season on bear as provided in section 11251 and may hunt deer with a crossbow during the open firearm season on deer as provided in section 11401. This subsection does not authorize a person to hunt deer with a crossbow during an expanded archery season established under section 11403 or in an expanded archery zone or during the muzzle-loading-only deer hunting season established under section 11404, except that a person may hunt deer with a crossbow during an expanded archery season established under section 11403 and may hunt during that season in an expanded archery zone until January 1, 2013.

**Sec. 2. Crossbow report.** The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters about the impact of allowing the use of crossbows during the expanded archery season on deer established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11403 by January 15, 2013. '

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. It authorizes the use of crossbows during the expanded archery season on deer for 2 years. It also directs the

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report to the joint standing committee  
2 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the  
3 impact of allowing the use of crossbows during the expanded archery season on deer by  
4 January 15, 2013.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 **(See attached)**