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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 414, L.D. 569, “An Act To Prohibit Hunting with a Bow within 100 Yards of a Building or Residence”

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

'An Act To Prohibit Hunting with a Bow on Land of Another Person within 100 Yards of a Building or Residence on That Land without Permission'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11209, as amended by PL 2019, c. 14, §§1 and 2, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§11209. Discharge of firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow near dwelling or building

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11209, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 14, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Prohibition. A person may not:

A. Unless a relevant municipal ordinance provides otherwise and except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 and sections 12401 and 12402, discharge a firearm, including a muzzle-loading firearm, or crossbow or cause a projectile to pass as a result of that discharge within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without the permission of the owner or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of that building or dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner; ~~or~~

A-1. Except as provided in sections 12401 and 12402:

(1) Discharge an arrow from a bow and arrow when on land of another person and within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling on that land without the permission of the owner of that building or residential dwelling or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of that building or dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner; or

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1 (2) Cause an arrow from a bow and arrow to pass across the land of another person
2 and within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling on that land without the
3 permission of the owner of that building or residential dwelling or, in the owner's
4 absence, of an adult occupant of that building or dwelling authorized to act on
5 behalf of the owner; or

6 B. Possess a wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of this subsection, except as
7 otherwise provided in this Part.

8 This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a person from killing or taking a wild
9 animal in accordance with sections 12401 and 12402.

10 For purposes of this section, "building" means any residential, commercial, retail,
11 educational, religious or farm structure that is designed to be occupied by people or
12 domesticated animals or is being used to shelter machines or harvested crops.

13 For purposes of this section, "projectile" means a bullet, pellet, shot, shell, ball, bolt or
14 other object propelled or launched from a firearm or crossbow.'

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

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits the discharge of an arrow
19 from a bow and arrow when on land of another person and within 100 yards of a building
20 or residential dwelling on that land without the permission of the owner of that building or
21 residential dwelling or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of that building or
22 dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner. It also prohibits a person from causing
23 an arrow from a bow and arrow to pass across the land of another person and within 100
24 yards of a building or residential dwelling on that land without the permission of the owner
25 of that building or residential dwelling or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of
26 that building or dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 **(See attached)**