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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 552, L.D. 866, “An Act to Reduce Posting of Hunting Lands by Providing Free Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners Who Keep Their Lands Open to Hunting”

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Implement a Landowner Antlerless Deer Permit Gift Program'

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

'Sec. 1. Program established. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish and implement a landowner antlerless deer permit gift program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," under which a person may purchase an antlerless deer permit for a landowner for \$12 as a gesture of appreciation for a landowner that allows hunting on the landowner's land.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters that includes an overview of the program and any suggested recommendations for legislative changes. The report must also include a description of the ways the department has engaged with and shown appreciation to landowners that allow hunting on those landowners' properties and the outreach conducted by the department to encourage hunters to show appreciation to landowners that allow hunting on those landowners' properties. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish and implement a landowner

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1 antlerless deer permit gift program. Under the program, a person may purchase an antlerless
2 deer permit for \$12 for a landowner that allows hunting on that landowner's property as a
3 gesture of appreciation. The amendment directs the department to report back to the joint
4 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife
5 matters by January 1, 2027 with an update on the program and other outreach activities
6 related to landowners. The report may include recommendations for legislative changes.
7 The amendment authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the
8 133rd Legislature in 2027.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 **(See attached)**