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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 155, L.D. 490, Bill, “An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Change the Opening Dates of Trapping Seasons Based on Weather Conditions”

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

'An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Extend Any Trapping Season Based on Weather Conditions or Other Factors'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10105, sub-§18 is enacted to read:

18. Extend a trapping season. The commissioner, based on sound scientific wildlife management principles, may extend any open trapping season on any game species for up to 21 days if the commissioner has concerns about weather conditions or other unforeseen factors that may prevent publicly derived management goals from being met.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to extend any open trapping season on any game species for up to 21 days if the commissioner has concerns about weather conditions or other unforeseen factors that may prevent publicly derived management goals from being met as long as the decision is based on sound scientific wildlife management principles.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT