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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 394, L.D. 570, Bill, “An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Postpone or Cancel an Open Hunting Season”

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 17 and inserting the following:

**'17. Postpone or cancel the start of an open hunting season.** Notwithstanding any provision of subpart 4, the commissioner, based on sound scientific wildlife management principles, may postpone or cancel an open hunting season on any game species if the commissioner has concerns regarding disease, weather conditions, reduction in population or other unforeseen factors that may prevent publicly derived management goals from being met.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies the reasons for which the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may postpone or cancel an open hunting season. Unlike the bill, which authorized the commissioner to postpone the season if "necessary for wildlife conservation purposes," this amendment specifies that the commissioner may postpone the season if the commissioner has concerns regarding disease, weather conditions, reduction in population or other unforeseen factors that may prevent publicly derived management goals from being met.

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