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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
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126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 190, L.D. 229, Bill, “An Act To Simplify and Encourage the Sale of Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Permits”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 3, lines 30 to 38 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'5. Hunter permit transfers. ~~A junior hunter or a person 65 years of age or older resident may take an antlerless deer if a person another resident who holds a valid antlerless deer permit transfers the permit to the junior hunter or person 65 years of age or older that resident by identifying the name, age and address of the transferee on the permit as well as any other information reasonably requested by the commissioner and then returns the permit to the department prior to the start of the firearm season on deer. A nonresident may take an antlerless deer if another nonresident who holds a valid antlerless deer permit transfers the permit to that nonresident by identifying the name and address of the transferee on the permit as well as any other information reasonably requested by the commissioner and then returns the permit to the department prior to the start of the firearm season on deer.~~ The commissioner shall record ~~the a~~ transfer under this subsection and return the permit to the ~~junior hunter or person 65 years of age or older transferee.~~ A valid permit must be in the possession of the transferee in order for the transferee to take an antlerless deer.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. Updating of the Maine Online Sportsman's Electronic System. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall survey users of its online system for purchasing licenses and registrations, known as the Maine Online Sportsman's Electronic System, and, based on the information obtained from those users, develop a plan for updating that system. The plan must focus on updating the system's user interface and provide options for online renewal of trapping licenses and guide licenses. The department shall submit its plan, together with a proposed budget for implementing the plan, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1, 2013. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. '

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following:

Sec. 7. Lifetime licenses; study established. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall commission an actuarial review of expanding the availability of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses. The department shall submit a report with the findings, along with an explanation of the study methodology and any proposed modifications to the lifetime license system, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 1, 2014. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for an actuarial study to review expanding the availability of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$10,000	\$0
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,000	\$0

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

SUMMARY

This amendment:

1. Removes the sections of the bill that extend the lifetime license system and establish a task force to reduce the number of licenses and permits;

2. Modifies the provisions of the bill allowing any person, regardless of age, to transfer an antlerless deer permit to another person to clarify that a resident may transfer a permit only to another resident and a nonresident may transfer a permit only to another nonresident;

3. Modifies the provisions of the bill that require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a plan for updating its online system for persons to purchase licenses and registrations to require that the plan be based on a user survey, to require that it focus on the user interface and provide options for online renewal of trapping and guide licenses and to extend the date for completion of the plan to December 1, 2013;

4. Adds a provision directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to commission an actuarial review of expanding the lifetime license system for hunting and fishing licenses issued by the department. The department must submit a report with the

1 findings, along with an explanation of the study methodology and any proposed
2 modifications to the lifetime license system, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland
3 Fisheries and Wildlife during the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. The
4 committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second
5 Regular Session of the 126th Legislature; and

6 5. Adds an appropriations and allocations section.

7 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

8 **(See attached)**