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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 161, L.D. 200, Bill, “An Act To Expand Turkey Hunting Opportunities for Young Hunters”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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

'An Act To Expand Wild Turkey Hunting Opportunities' '

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 13 to 23 in amendment) and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11155, sub-§1-B, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO, §8, is amended to read:

1-B. Issuance; permit fee. The commissioner, through the commissioner's authorized agent, shall issue a combined fall and spring wild turkey hunting permit that allows an eligible person to take one male wild turkey in the spring and one wild turkey in the fall. The fee for a combined fall and spring wild turkey hunting permit is \$20 for residents and \$54 for nonresidents and aliens. The holder of a combined fall and spring wild turkey hunting permit is eligible to purchase a 2nd spring wild turkey permit that allows the taking of one additional male wild turkey at a cost of \$20 for residents, nonresidents and aliens. This subsection is repealed January 1, 2014.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11155, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Issuance; permit fee. Beginning January 1, 2014, the commissioner, through the commissioner's authorized agent, shall issue in wildlife management districts that are open by rule for wild turkey hunting a combined fall and spring wild turkey hunting permit that allows an eligible person to take wild turkeys in the spring and fall seasons in accordance with section 11701. The fee for a combined fall and spring wild turkey hunting permit is \$20 for residents and nonresidents.'

Amend the amendment in section 2 in §11701 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the first line (page 2, line 3 in amendment) by striking out the following: "male"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in §11701 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 2, line 4 in amendment) by striking out the following: "male"

HOUSE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the amendment in section 2 in §11701 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 2,
2 line 9 in amendment) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following:
3 'Beginning with the 2014 fall open season, the'

4 Amend the amendment in section 2 in §11701 in subsection 3 in the 3rd line (page 2,
5 line 16 in amendment) by striking out the following: "season must take place on" and
6 inserting the following: 'day must be'

7 Amend the amendment by inserting after section 5 the following:

8 **'Sec. 6. Lapsed balances; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**
9 **carrying account.** On or before June 30, 2014 and on or before June 30, 2015 the State
10 Controller shall lapse \$86,757 and \$98,895, respectively, from the Inland Fisheries and
11 Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the General Fund unappropriated
12 surplus to offset the loss in revenue from changes made to wild turkey hunting permit
13 fees.'

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

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment changes the title of the bill. It delays the changes to the fall wild
18 turkey hunt and to the fee for a wild turkey hunting permit until 2014. It allows a person
19 to take 2 wild turkeys regardless of sex during the spring open season rather than 2 male
20 turkeys as provided in Committee Amendment "A." It also changes a reference to the
21 youth wild turkey hunting season to reflect the fact that it is limited to one day.

22 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

23 **(See attached)**

24 SPONSORED BY: _____

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