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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 933, L.D. 1242, Bill, “An Act To Restore the Deer Herd in Certain Wildlife Management Districts in Maine”

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10105, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Regulating the feeding of deer. The commissioner may by rule:

A. Prohibit the feeding of deer at any location if there is documented evidence of chronic wasting disease, as defined in Title 7, section 1821, subsection 1, in the State; and

B. Prohibit or otherwise limit the feeding of deer if the department has reason to believe that the type or location of feed is creating a public safety hazard or having a detrimental effect on the deer.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10151, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

B. The advisory council shall hold regular meetings with the commissioner or the commissioner's deputy in December and May of each year and may hold special meetings at such other times and places as are advisable. The commissioner may direct advisory council members to convene stakeholder groups in their respective geographic or management expertise areas to obtain information and advice on enhancing fisheries and wildlife resource management in the State. At least annually, the commissioner shall direct advisory council members to convene stakeholder group meetings in strategic areas of the State where deer populations need to be enhanced. Notwithstanding subsection 3, advisory council members are not eligible for compensation for meetings under this paragraph pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 20.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

