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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 and before the summary the following:

‘**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12810** is enacted to read:

§ 12810. Delisted species

1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "delisted species" means a species that was listed as a state endangered or threatened species under section 12803 and after 2007 was removed from that list by the Legislature. The following is a delisted species:

A. Bald eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*.

2. Prohibited acts regarding delisted species. Except as otherwise authorized by the commissioner pursuant to this Part, a person may not intentionally:

A. Import into the State or export out of the State a delisted species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime;

B. Hunt, trap or possess a delisted species within the State. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime;

C. Process, sell, offer for sale, deliver, carry, transport or ship, by any means whatsoever, a delisted species or any part of a delisted species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime; or

D. Feed, set bait for or harass a delisted species. A law enforcement officer, as defined in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5, must issue a warning to a person who violates this paragraph for the first time. A person who violates this paragraph after having previously been given a warning under this paragraph commits a Class D crime.’

SUMMARY

This amendment provides a species that was listed as a state endangered or threatened species but was removed from that list after 2007 the same protections against certain intentional acts as was provided that species when it was listed as a state endangered or threatened species.