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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "" to H.P. 1228, L.D. 1717, Bill, "An Act To Clarify and Correct Maine's Fish and Wildlife Laws"
11 12	Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 2 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following:
13	'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§§11-A and 28-A are enacted to read:
14 15 16	11-A. Crossbow. "Crossbow" means a device for propelling an arrow or bolt by means of traverse limbs and a string, mounted on a stock and having a working mechanical trigger safety device and a minimum draw weight of 100 pounds.
17 18 19 20	28-A. Hand-held bow or bow. "Hand-held bow" or "bow" means a device for propelling an arrow by means of limbs and a string that is hand held, hand drawn and held in a drawn position by hand or a hand-held mechanical release. "Hand-held bow" or "bow" includes a compound bow, a recurve bow and a long bow.'
21	Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.
22	Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 8 and 9 and inserting the following:
23 24	'Sec. 8. 12 MRSA $\$12602$, last ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, $\$2$ and affected by c. 614, $\$9$, is amended to read:
25 26 27 28	A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime. The court shall also impose a fine of \$20 for each fish unlawfully possessed, none of which may be suspended, except that, in the case of smelt limits, the court shall impose a fine of \$20 for each quart over the limit, none of which may be suspended.
29 30	Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12661, sub-§1, ¶ A , as amended by PL 2015, c. 301, §39, is further amended to read:
31 32 33	A. Must remove or cause to be removed the shack or structure on the ice of any inland waters prior to the earlier of the date of ice out or 3 days after the close of the ice fishing season established pursuant to section 12454; or:

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1 2 3	(1) In any area of the State in which there is a closed ice fishing season, by ice out or 3 days after the close of the ice fishing season established by the commissioner by rule pursuant to section 12454, whichever is earlier; and
4 5	(2) In any area of the State in which there is no close of the ice fishing season pursuant to section 12454, by ice out or March 31st, whichever is earlier; or'
6 7	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.
8	SUMMARY
9	This amendment:
10	1. Removes the provisions of the bill relating to airbows;
11	2. Clarifies the penalties for violating the smelt fishing limits; and
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12 13	3. Modifies the provision relating to the removal of ice fishing shacks to provide that:
13 14 15	that:A. In those portions of the State where the ice fishing season has a closed season, the current law applies, which requires removal before ice out or 3 days after the close of
13 14 15 16 17	that:A. In those portions of the State where the ice fishing season has a closed season, the current law applies, which requires removal before ice out or 3 days after the close of the season, whichever is earlier; andB. In those portions of the State where there is no closed season, removal must be by

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