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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 336, L.D. 531, “An Act to Add Gray Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs”

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

'An Act to Add Gray Squirrels and Red Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs'

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation adds gray squirrels and red squirrels to the species list for the open training season for hunting dogs; and

Whereas, the earliest date of the open season for training hunting dogs in this State is July 1, 2023; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect in time for the start of the hunting dog training season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "squirrels" the following: ', red squirrels'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "squirrels" the following: ', red squirrels'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment changes the title and adds red squirrels to the list of species for the
5 open training season for hunting dogs. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble
6 and clause to ensure that this legislation takes effect before the start of the open season for
7 training hunting dogs.

8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

9 **(See attached)**