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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 103, L.D. 121, Bill, “An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Implement a Firearm Safety and Firearm Violence Prevention Program”

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

**'An Act To Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Promote Safety with Respect to the Handling or Use of Firearms, Watercraft, All-terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles and in Other Outdoor Activities'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10056**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §17 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

**§10056. Division of Public Information and Education**

The Division of Public Information and Education is established within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and is responsible for the administration of programs to increase the public's knowledge and understanding of inland fisheries and wildlife resources and the management of these resources, including the administration of education programs for hunter safety and for the safe operation of snowmobiles, watercraft and all-terrain vehicles. The division's responsibilities include public education, promotion of inland fisheries and wildlife resources and the dissemination of information. The division's responsibilities also include conducting annual campaigns promoting safety in the handling and use of firearms, watercraft, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles as well as campaigns promoting safety with respect to other outdoor activities to the extent the division determines doing so would help improve safety in the woodlands and inland waters of the State. Campaigns to promote safety must be designed to reach target audiences effectively through television, radio, Internet or other communication mediums.'

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

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Division of Public Information and Education to annually undertake campaigns to promote safety in the handling and use of firearms, watercraft, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. The division is also directed to promote safety with respect to other outdoor activities to the extent the division determines such campaigns would help improve safety. The campaigns must be designed to reach the target audiences effectively through television, radio, Internet or other communication mediums.