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**BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1175 – Third Reader**

**SHORT TITLE: Criminal Procedure - Hunting Offenses - Expungement**

**DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: LETTER OF INFORMATION WITH AMENDMENTS**

**EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT’S POSITION:**

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The Department provides the following information on House Bill 1175.

The Department is uncertain how the expungement of violations of the Natural Resources Article will impact administrative actions and the application of enhanced penalties for repeat offenders. In this instance, the Department has specific concerns over permitting the expungements of violations of NR 10-301 and NR 10-502. These statutes involve requirements to purchase general licenses that are a well known and basic requirement to participate in highly regulated activities. The prerequisite to obtain these licenses is the successful completion of an educational program focused on safety and ethics associated with hunting and trapping.

The Department is concerned that the legislation effectively creates an easing of the penalties associated with the licensing provisions referenced above and the associated safety training requirements necessary to obtain those licenses. The Department requests that the General Assembly consider amendments offered by the Department to remove NR 10-301 and NR 10-502 from those violations eligible for expungement.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

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With exceptions associated with certain boating violations, violations of the Natural Resources Article are currently not eligible for expungement.

**BILL EXPLANATION:**

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The bill would allow for the expungement of certain violations of the Natural Resources Article associated with hunting.

BY:  
(To be offered in the Judicial Proceedings Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1175  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, in line 10, strike “§ 10-301,”; and in line 11, strike “§ 10-502,”.