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Amendment to SB 15-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Use of Tree Stands, Observation Blinds, and Pit Blinds. Amend RSA 207:36-a to read as
4 follows:

5 207:36-a Use of Tree Stands, Observation Blinds, and Pit Blinds.

6 I. No person shall erect, build or use a tree stand or observation blind on land of another
7 person that damages or destroys a tree by inserting into the tree any metallic, ceramic, or other
8 object used as part of a ladder or observation deck, without express written permission from the
9 property owner or designee.

10 II. No person shall erect, build or use a pit blind on land of another person without express
11 written permission from the property owner or designee.

12 III. No person shall cut any tree in connection with any of the activities regulated under this
13 section without the express written permission of the property owner or designee.

14 IV. ***Except for permissions granted by property owners in paragraphs V and VI of***
15 ***this section***, the permittee shall carry such permit on his person while in the field and shall be
16 subject to inspection on demand of any conservation officer.

17 V. ***No person shall construct a permanent tree stand or observation blind without***
18 ***permission from the property owner or designee.***

19 VI. ***A portable or temporary tree stand or observation blind that does not violate***
20 ***paragraph I or II may be erected on the land of another between August 1 and December 31***
21 ***of a calendar year. All portable or temporary tree stands or observation blinds shall be***
22 ***removed from the property by April 1, unless allowed by permission from the property***
23 ***owner or designee.***

24 [V.] VII. All property owner permits shall expire on December 31 of each year unless
25 rescinded by the property owner or designee.

26 VIII. ***All tree stands or observation blinds shall be labeled with the name and***
27 ***contact information of the owner of the tree stand or observation blind in a clearly visible***
28 ***manner.***

29 [VI.] IX. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a violation
30 and shall be liable for the amount of damage caused by the act, to be recovered by the property
31 owner sustaining the damage ***and/or any fine amount levied by the fish and game department.***

1 [VH.] X. The executive director shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the
2 form, issuance and filing of property owner permits for the tree stands, observation blinds and pit
3 blinds.

4 XI. A property owner shall contact a local or state law enforcement officer or
5 conservation officer to remove and seize a permanent, portable, or temporary tree stand or
6 observation blind which was placed, or the owner of which has failed to remove, in
7 violation of this section.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.