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H.P. 496

House of Representatives, February 14, 2003

An Act to Permit Sunday Hunting in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUNLAP of Old Town, JACKSON of Fort Kent,
McGLOCKLIN of Embden, WOTTON of Littleton.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7133, sub-§5, ¶C, as amended by PL 1993, c. 574, §15, is further amended to read:

C. Notwithstanding section 7406, ~~subsections 4 and~~ subsection 5, any person who holds a valid trapping license may carry a firearm at any time during the open trapping season for the sole purpose of dispatching trapped animals.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§10, as amended by PL 1999, c. 127, Pt. D, §1, is further amended to read:

10. Illegal possession. A person is guilty of illegal possession of wild animals or wild birds if that person possesses any wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of subsection 4, 5, 6, 7, 9-A, 9-B, 13, 16 or 17 or Title 17-A, section 402, except as otherwise provided in chapters 701 to 721.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7945, as amended by PL 1997, c. 432, §58, is repealed.

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the law that prohibits hunting wild animals and wild birds on Sunday.