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House of Representatives, February 22, 2005

### An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday for Resident Landowners

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and  
Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, RICHARDSON of Greenville, TARDY of  
Newport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

6 7. Landowner hunting on Sunday. A deer permit system  
8 adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section may include  
10 a provision allowing resident landowners who keep their land open  
12 to hunting by the public to hunt on Sunday. The commissioner may  
14 adopt rules necessary for the administration, implementation,  
16 enforcement and interpretation of this subsection to allow  
resident landowners to hunt on their land on Sunday if their land  
is 20 acres or more and the land is open to hunting during the  
open hunting season. The resident landowner shall register with  
the department at no cost. A member of the resident landowner's  
immediate family is permitted to hunt on Sunday if that family  
member is a licensed hunter.

18 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11205, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c.  
20 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

22 A. Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday except as  
24 provided in section 11152, subsection 7; or

## 26 SUMMARY

28 This bill allows resident landowners to hunt on Sunday on  
30 their own land if they own 20 or more acres and the land is open  
to hunting by the public. The landowner must register with the  
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.