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An Act To Continue To Permit Persons 70 Years of Age and Older To Hunt with a Crossbow

(EMERGENCY)

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon. Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, GREENWOOD of Wales, HANLEY of Pittston, PICKETT of Dixfield, REED of Carmel, SHORT of Pittsfield, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WOOD of Sabattus.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period 4 in order to ensure minimal disruption to hunters and the hunting season; and

5 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore,

- 9 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 10 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10953, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

111-C. Hunting with a crossbow; 70 years of age or older. A person 70 years of age12or older may hunt a wild bird or a wild animal with a crossbow during any open season13on that wild bird or wild animal, subject to this Part. A person 70 years of age or older14may hunt deer with a crossbow during a regular archery-only season established under15section 11403 or in an expanded archery zone or during the muzzle-loading-only deer16hunting season established under section 11404.

- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 19 SUMMARY

This bill allows a person 70 years of age or older to hunt with a crossbow during any open season. Until January 1, 2015, a provision of law allowed this, but included language that repealed the provision on that date. The bill enacts the substance of that provision but without the repeal language.