

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 105TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 98, L. D. 142, Bill, "AN ACT Regulating Hunting from Certain Public Ways."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "<u>§2455-A.</u>" and inserting in place thereof the following:

<u>§2455-A.</u> Hunting from public ways

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any wild birds or wild animals from any public way within any organized township of the State, except with a shotgun used in conjunction with ammunition no larger than No. 6 shot. Possession of a loaded firearm within the limits of any public way, except as herein provided, shall be prima facie evidence of hunting. For the purposes of this section "public way" shall mean any improved highway, road, street or bridge as maintained for travel by a political subdivision. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a law enforcement officer from carrying out his official duties. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person who has a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon to possess such weapon providing it is not used for hunting wild birds or wild animals.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature.'

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Statement of Fact

The intent of this legislation is to prohibit hunting on or from public ways in organized townships of the State except that certain game may be taken with a shotgun.

Reported by a Majority of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

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