

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Senator Corson of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Allow Maine Residents to Hunt on Sundays.

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

12 MRSA, § 2454, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 425, § 47, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2454. Hunting on Sunday

1. Sunday hunting prohibited. Except as set forth in subsection 2, it shall be unlawful to hunt wild birds or wild animals on Sunday. Possession of firearms in the fields and forests or on the waters or ice of this State or in a motor vehicle being operated on an unpaved highway located in an unorganized township on Sunday shall be prima facie evidence of such hunting, unless such firearm is carried, securely wrapped in a complete cover, fastened in a case or carried in at least 2 separate pieces in such a manner that it cannot be fired unless the separate pieces are joined together again. For the purpose of this section, a clip, magazine or cylinder of a firearm shall not be considered a piece of such firearm.

2. Sunday hunting of deer permitted for Maine residents. Maine residents may hunt deer from noon until sunset on Sundays which fall within the open season on deer.

STATEMENT OF FACT

At present, the working men and women of Maine have only a limited time to hunt deer during the deer season as they are prohibited from hunting on Sunday. This Act will allow them to hunt deer for an additional half day each week during the open season on deer.