

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 413

H. P. 375

House of Representatives, January 26, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Gillis of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Require the Use of Hunter Orange Clothing while Hunting.

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

12 MRSA § 7406, sub-§ 12, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended to read:

12. Hunting without hunter orange clothing. A person is guilty of hunting without hunter orange clothing if he hunts ~~with firearms during the open firearm season on deer~~ and fails to wear an article of hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides and measures **200 square inches or more**; except that persons hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys ~~or while archery hunting during the special archery hunting season~~ need not wear hunter orange clothing.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the use of fluorescent blaze orange clothing for the protection of sportsmen while afield and to make it easier for warden service and others to find and assist lost and injured sportsmen.