

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1220

H.P. 908 House of Representatives, April 10, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife  
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEBOWITZ of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives JACQUES of Waterville and  
GREENLAW of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Allow Crossbow Hunting for  
Handicapped Persons.**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§20, ¶B, as repealed  
and replaced by 1981, c. 414, §27, is amended to  
read:

B. The following are exceptions concerning sub-  
section 17.

(1) Paragraphs A, B, C, D, E and F do not  
apply to military organizations authorized  
by law to bear arms or to the National Guard  
in the performance of its duty.

1 (2) Paragraphs B, D and E do not apply to  
2 firearms using the .22 caliber rim fire car-  
3 tridge or to any autoloading pistol having a  
4 barrel less than 8 inches in length.

5 (3) Paragraph K does not affect or restrict  
6 the legitimate possession and sale of flash-  
7 lights.

8 (4) Paragraph L does not affect chapter  
9 709, subchapter IV, or any rule issued in  
10 accordance with section 7035, subsection 1.

11 (5) Notwithstanding paragraph G, a special  
12 permit may be issued to a person so physi-  
13 cally impaired that he cannot operate a con-  
14 ventional longbow or compound bow. The com-  
15 missioner may impose limitations or condi-  
16 tions on the applicant through the special  
17 permit. To qualify for a permit the appli-  
18 cant must:

19 (a) Be at least 16 years of age;

20 (b) Have lost one or more hands;

21 (c) Appear before the commissioner or  
22 his designee to confirm his physical  
23 disability and demonstrate his ability  
24 to safely use a crossbow; and

25 (d) Hold a valid hunting license.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 This bill allows certain disabled persons to hunt  
28 with a crossbow during the hunting season.

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