

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Representative NUTTING of Leeds and Representative RICHARDS of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Require Big Game Hunters to Obtain Written Permission
Before Hunting on Private Property.**



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

3 **12 MRSA §7408** is enacted to read:

5 **§7408. Permission; private property**

7 Before hunting deer, moose or bear on private property not
9 owned by corporations in organized municipalities, every resident
11 or nonresident must obtain written permission from the owner or
13 lessee of that land or the owner's or lessee's agent.

15 1. **Expire.** The permission given expires at the end of the
17 regular firearms hunting season. Permission must be obtained
19 from the owner every season.

21 2. **Produce permission.** The written permission must be kept
23 in the person's possession while hunting, and the person must
25 produce the permission when requested to do so by any law
27 enforcement officer or the property owner.

29 3. **Posted land; exception.** No permission is required if
31 the owner has posted the land, indicating that hunting is
33 permitted on the land.

25 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

27 This bill requires that big game hunters obtain written
29 permission from land owners before hunting on privately owned
property.