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House of Representatives, March 14, 1995

An Act to Require Firearm Hunters to Wear Blaze Orange.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, KEANE of Old Town, MURPHY of Berwick, UNDERWOOD of Oxford.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§12, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 824, Pt. A, §21, is amended to read:

12. Hunting without hunter orange clothing. A person is guilty of hunting without hunter orange clothing if that person hunts with firearms during ~~the open firearm~~ any season ~~on deer~~ and fails to wear 2 articles of solid-colored hunter orange clothing that are in good, serviceable condition and visible from all sides, ~~except that persons hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys need not wear hunter orange clothing~~ as provided in this subsection. One article of clothing must be a hat. The other article of clothing must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat or poncho. The presence of a decal on an article of clothing that is otherwise solid-colored hunter orange does not disqualify that article of clothing from satisfying the requirements of this subsection. This subsection does not apply to:

- A. A person hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys;
- B. A person hunting bear with bait;
- C. A person hunting wild turkeys; or
- D. A person hunting coyotes and foxes outside the regular firearms season on deer.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Current law requires that individuals hunting with firearms during deer season wear hunter orange clothing. This bill extends that requirement for any season, but exempts hunters participating in certain types of hunting.