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House of Representatives, April 4, 1995

**An Act to Modify and Update Certain Laws Pertaining to the
Importation and Possession of Wild Turkeys.**

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 cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUFTS of Stockton Springs.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, GREENLAW of Standish,
Senators: HALL of Piscataquis, MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7231, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

6 C. A permit issued pursuant to this section does not
8 authorize the permittee to import any species of wild
turkey, hybrid wild turkey or wild turkey-domestic turkey
cross or the eggs of these species.

10 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7235-A, sub-§3, ¶¶A and C, as enacted by PL
12 1993, c. 438, §11, are amended to read:

14 A. A ringneck pheasant, ~~wild-turkey~~ or bobwhite quail,
16 whether live or dressed, which that is possessed by virtue
18 of this permit, must be identified with a metallic leg band
20 before being removed from the premises of the permittee.
This metallic leg band, supplied by the permittee, must
remain attached to the bird until that bird is finally
prepared for consumption.

22 C. A permit issued pursuant to this section does not
24 authorize the permittee to possess, propagate or sell deer,
~~or,~~ moose, wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey or wild
turkey-domestic turkey cross.

26 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7235-A, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

28 9. Exceptions. Notwithstanding subsection 3, paragraph C,
30 a person possessing wild turkeys, hybrid wild turkeys or wild
32 turkey-domestic turkey crosses acquired prior to January 1, 1995
34 may continue to possess those birds if that person applies for
and receives a special permit issued by the commissioner and if
that person completes an annual report on forms provided by the
commissioner.

36 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7237, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

38 3. Restrictions. A permit issued pursuant to this section
40 does not authorize the permittee to import any species of live
wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey or wild turkey-domestic turkey
cross or the eggs of these species.

42 Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7237-A, sub-§1 is enacted to read:

44 1. Restrictions. Only the commissioner or agents of the
46 commissioner may sell, give away or release into the wild any
48 live wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey, wild turkey-domestic turkey
cross or fertile egg of these species.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill prohibits the importation, possession and release
of wild turkeys, hybrid wild turkeys and wild turkey-domestic
turkey crosses.