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S.P. 45

In Senate, January 14, 1997

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Hunting from a Paved Way.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative: O'NEAL of Limestone.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 212, §1, is further amended to read:

6 **7. Hunting from or across a paved way.** A person is guilty
8 of hunting from or across a paved way if that person hunts any
10 wild animal or wild bird from any paved way ~~or within 10 feet of~~
12 ~~the edge of the pavement of the paved way~~ or from within the
14 right-of-way of any controlled access highway or discharges any
16 firearm across a paved way. Nothing in this subsection prohibits
18 a person who has a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon from
20 possessing such a weapon ~~on or near~~ a paved way as long as it is
22 not used for hunting wild animals or wild birds or discharged in
24 violation of this subsection.

26 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7946**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 212, §2, is
28 further amended to read:

30 **§7946. Possession of firearm on paved way**

32 Possession of a loaded firearm on a paved way ~~or within 10~~
34 ~~feet of the edge of the pavement of a paved way~~ or within the
36 right-of-way of any controlled access highway, except as provided
38 in section 7406, subsection 7, is prima facie evidence of hunting.

SUMMARY

40 This bill repeals the prohibition on hunting within 10 feet
42 of the edge of the pavement on a paved way.