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H.P. 919

House of Representatives, February 27, 1997

An Act to Require Game Wardens, Biologists and State Officials to Wear Blaze Orange during Deer Hunting Season.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative UNDERWOOD of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GOODWIN of Pembroke, PERKINS of Penobscot, TRUE of Fryeburg, USHER of Westbrook, WATERHOUSE of

Bridgton, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follow	Be it	enacted	by	the	Peop	le of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follow
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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7065 is enacted to read:

§7065. Blaze orange required

During the open firearms season on deer, game wardens and other state officials who are department biologists on official business in the woods and not acting in an undercover capacity are required to wear 2 articles of solid-colored hunter orange clothing that are in good, serviceable condition and visible from all directions. 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 section.

SUMMARY

This bill requires game wardens and certain other state officials to wear hunter orange if they are in the woods during deer season acting in an official capacity and not participating in an undercover activity.