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H.P. 230

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**An Act to Remove the Prohibition against Carrying a Loaded Hunting
Weapon in a Motor Vehicle.**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2001, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 917,
§6, is amended to read:

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8 **6. Licensed hunters and trappers.** Firearms carried by any
person engaged in conduct for which a state-issued hunting or
trapping license is required and possessing the required license,
or firearms carried by a resident person engaged in conduct
10 expressly authorized by Title 12, section 7377, subsections 1 and
2. This subsection does not authorize or permit the carrying of
12 a concealed ~~or loaded~~ firearm in a motor vehicle.

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SUMMARY

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18 Current law exempts licensed or otherwise authorized hunters
and trappers carrying firearms from the prohibition against
carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, with one
20 exception. The exception states that such a hunter or trapper
may not carry a concealed or loaded firearm in a motor vehicle.
22 This bill removes the exception for loaded firearms, making it
permissible for a licensed or otherwise authorized hunter or
24 trapper to carry a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle without a
concealed weapons permit.