

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 371

H.P. 267

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

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**An Act to Allow A Disabled Person to Use a Crossbow during Archery  
Hunting Season.**

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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 MACK of Standish.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and  
Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, MENDROS of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco,  
ROSEN of Bucksport, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, MILLS  
of Somerset, PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

6 15. Persons with disability. The commissioner may issue an  
8 archery hunting license to a person with a crossbow who is  
10 recognized by that person's physician, in writing, as someone  
12 whose movement is limited due to a medical condition and is  
14 disabled by that condition.

16 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7102-A, sub-§6, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
18 24, §3 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

20 A. It is legal, except as otherwise provided in chapters  
22 701 to 721, to hunt any wild bird or wild animal with a  
24 hand-held bow and arrow during any open season on that bird  
26 or animal and with a crossbow if the holder of the license  
28 is recognized as disabled under section 7076.

30 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§17, ¶G**, as amended by PL 1993, c.  
24, §5 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

G. Hunts any wild animal or wild bird with a crossbow or  
set bow except as provided in sections 7076 and 7102-A;

## SUMMARY

This bill allows a disabled person to use a crossbow during  
archery hunting season.