

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 480

S.P. 160

In Senate, January 14, 1999

An Act Regarding Hunting on One's Own Land.

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 KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7377, sub-§1, ¶¶C and D, as enacted by PL**
1979, c. 420, §1, are amended to read:

6 C. Which is ~~used-exclusively-for-agricultural-purposes~~ open
8 to hunting; and

10 D. Which is in excess of ~~10~~ 25 acres.

12 **SUMMARY**

14 Current law allows a person to hunt without a license on
16 that person's own parcel of land if the parcel is larger than 10
18 acres, the person lives on the land and the land is used
20 primarily for agricultural purposes. This bill increases the
minimum parcel size to 25 acres and repeals the limitation to
only agricultural land. The bill also requires that the parcel
be open to hunting in order for the landowner to be able to hunt
on that parcel without a license.