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House of Representatives, January 21, 1999

An Act Regarding Juvenile Hunters.

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

GOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRUE of Fryeburg. Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and

Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, HONEY of Boothbay, KNEELAND of Easton, McNEIL of Rockland, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SHOREY of Calais.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1995, c. 667, Pt. A, §20, is repealed.
4	Pt. A, 920, is repeated.
6	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:
8	7-A. Restrictions. Any resident or nonresident hunter 10
	years of age or older and under 16 years of age may hunt with
10	firearms only in the presence of:
12	1. Parent or guardian. That hunter's parent or guardian; or
14	2. Certain adults. A person at least 18 years of age
	approved by that hunter's parent or guardian who either holds a
16	valid Maine hunting license or has successfully completed a
18	hunter safety course acceptable under the provisions of sections 7035 and 7071.
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20	For the purposes of this subsection, "in the presence of" means
	in visual and voice contact without the use of visual or audio
22	enhancement devices, including binoculars and citizen band radios. A hunter who is 16 years of age and who is hunting with
24	a junior hunting license prior to hunting without the adult
	supervision required by this section must complete a hunter
26	safety course.
28	Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§21, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 116,
	§1, is amended to read:
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	21. Allowing a junior hunter to hunt without adult
32	supervision. A person is guilty of allowing a junior hunter to
34	hunt without adult supervision if that person, who is the adult supervisor, parent or guardian of a holder of a junior hunting
.	license under the age of 16, allows that junior hunter to hunt
36	other than in the presence of, and under the supervision of, an
	adult as provided in section 7101, subsection 7-A.
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40	SUMMARY
42	This bill requires that an adult other than the parent or
4.4	guardian accompanying a juvenile hunter must possess a hunting
44	license or have completed a hunter safety course acceptable to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
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