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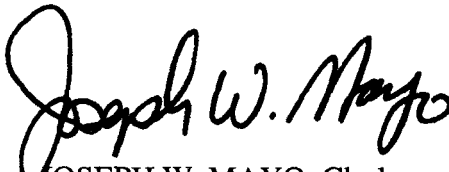
No. 780

H.P. 559

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

An Act to Allow Hunters to Carry and Use a Standard-size Flashlight.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRACY of Rome.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§20, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 414, §27, is amended to read:

B. The following are exceptions concerning subsection 17.

(1) Paragraphs A, B, C, D, E and F do not apply to military organizations authorized by law to bear arms or to the National Guard in the performance of its duty.

(2) Paragraphs B, D and E do not apply to firearms using the .22 caliber rim fire cartridge or to any autoloading pistol having a barrel less than 8 inches in length.

(3) Paragraph K does not affect or restrict the legitimate possession, use and sale of flashlights with a maximum power equivalent to 2 D-cell batteries.

(4) Paragraph L does not affect chapter 709, subchapter IV, ~~or~~ any rule issued in accordance with section 7035, subsection 1 or the legitimate possession and use of flashlights with a maximum power equivalent to 2 D-cell batteries.

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that a hunter may carry and use a flashlight without being guilty of night hunting.