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House of Representatives, January 18, 2001

An Act to Allow the Stocking of Hungarian Partridge.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRACY of Rome.

Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and

Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CARR of Lincoln, CHICK of Lebanon, DUNLAP of Old Town, MATTHEWS of Winslow, MICHAEL of Auburn, PERKINS of Penobscot, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7105, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 574, §10, is further amended to read:

1. **Issuance.** The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent may issue a special commercial shooting area hunting license authorizing a person to hunt mallard ducks, pheasants, quail and, Chukar partridge and Hungarian partridge in a commercial shooting area.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7105, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1993, c. 574, §10, is further amended to read:

4. **Restrictions.** No wild animal or wild bird other than mallard ducks, pheasants, quail and, Chukar partridge and Hungarian partridge may be shot in a commercial shooting area, except that the operator of a commercial shooting area may authorize a person to hunt other wild birds or wild animals in a commercial shooting area during the regular open season on those species in accordance with the provisions of chapters 701 to 721 provided that the person possesses a valid state hunting license that allows the hunting of those wild birds and wild animals.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7239, as amended by PL 1983, c. 440, §9, is further amended to read:

§7239. **Importation permit for mallard ducks, quail, Chukar partridge or Hungarian partridge**

1. **Issuance.** The commissioner may grant permits to import live mallard ducks, quail and, Chukar partridge and Hungarian partridge to operators of commercial shooting areas.

2. **Application.** When requesting permission to import these birds, an importer shall:

A. Provide the commissioner with information on the number of the birds to be imported and the name and address of the seller; and

B. Furnish the commissioner with a statement from an approved veterinarian, from the department of agriculture, or from the conservation department of the state from which the birds are imported, certifying that they are from flocks which have been tested for infectious or contagious disease and have not been exposed to that disease during the 6 months prior to importation.

2 ~~3.---Restrictions.---Upon receipt of shipment, importers of~~
mallard ducks, quail or Chukar partridge shall attach securely to
each bird a metallic leg band.

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6 ~~B.---The leg band shall remain attached to the birds until~~
they are finally prepared for consumption.

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10 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows the stocking and hunting of Hungarian
partridge in commercial shooting areas. The bill also repeals
14 the requirement of banding imported game birds.