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House of Representatives, January 23, 2001

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An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Discharge of Firearms Near Certain Buildings.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town. Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and

Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, CLARK of Millinocket, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, ETNIER of Harpswell, HONEY of Boothbay, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, SHERMAN of

Hodgdon, Senator: WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§13, as amended by PL 1983, c. 215, is further amended to read:

municipal ordinance provides otherwise and except as provided in section 7501 and 7502, a person is guilty of discharging a firearm near a dwelling or occupied building if he that person discharges a firearm within 100 yards of a residential dwelling or occupied building without the permission of the owner or,—in his—absence,—ef an adult occupant of that dwelling or building. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to prohibit a person from killing or taking a wild animal in accordance with sections 7501 and 7502.

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SUMMARY

This bill provides that a person is guilty of discharging a firearm near a dwelling or occupied building if that person discharges a firearm within 100 yards of an occupied building without the permission of the owner or an adult occupant of that building.