

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1279

S.P. 382

In Senate, February 28, 2001

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**An Act to Require Hikers to Wear Blaze Orange during Hunting Season.**

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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 SAVAGE of Knox.

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

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4        **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§22** is enacted to read:

6        **22. Hikers without orange clothing.** A person is guilty of  
8        hiking without hunter orange clothing if that person is hiking on  
10       public lands during the open firearm season on deer and fails to  
12       wear 2 articles of solid-colored hunter orange clothing that are  
14       in good, serviceable condition and visible from all sides. One  
16       article of clothing must be a hat. The other article of clothing  
18       must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest,  
20       coat or poncho. The presence of a decal on an article of  
22       clothing that is otherwise solid-colored hunter orange does not  
24       disqualify that article of clothing from satisfying the  
       requirements of this subsection.

For the purposes of this subsection, "hiking on public lands"  
       means any foot traffic on lands open to hunters during the open  
       firearm season on deer.

#### SUMMARY

       This bill requires hikers to also wear hunter orange during  
       hunting season.