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S.P. 447

In Senate, March 8, 2001

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Commercial Large Game
Shooting Areas.**

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 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 MITCHELL of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative TREADWELL of Carmel and
Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, Representatives: LEDWIN of Holden, ROSEN of
Bucksport.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1342**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 765, §3, is
4 amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

6 Notwithstanding this section, the commissioner may issue a
7 license under this chapter to a person who made an investment in
8 a commercial large game shooting area during the period beginning
9 October 1, 1999 and ending March 15, 2000 with the intent to
10 operate such an area.

12 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1342, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 765,
13 §3, is amended to read:

14 **1. Application.** An applicant for a commercial large game
15 shooting area license must submit an application on a form
16 provided by the commissioner along with the required license fee
17 as provided under subsection 3. An application must be submitted
18 for a specific parcel of land, and the applicant must demonstrate
19 in accordance with subsection 9 that the applicant has operated a
20 commercial large game shooting area on that parcel of land
21 between October 1, 1999 and March 15, 2000 or that the applicant
22 made an investment in a commercial large game shooting area
23 during the period beginning October 1, 1999 and ending March 15,
24 2000 with the intent to operate such an area. The application
25 must include the name and address of the person applying for the
26 license and a map locating the proposed site in relation to known
27 or easily identifiable terrain features, such as a road junction
28 or a stream and road junction. The map must be a copy of a 7.5
29 or 15 minute series topographical map produced by the United
30 States Geological Survey or a map of equivalent or superior
31 detail in the location of roads.

34 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §1342, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 765,
35 §3, is amended to read:

36 **9. Verification of existing commercial large game shooting**
37 **areas.** Prior to issuing a license, the commissioner must verify
38 that the applicant operated a commercial large game shooting area
39 during the period beginning October 1, 1999 and ending March 15,
40 2000 or that the applicant made an investment in a commercial
41 large game shooting area during the period beginning October 1,
42 1999 and ending March 15, 2000 with the intent to operate such an
43 area. An applicant may demonstrate compliance with this
44 requirement:

46 **A.** By submitting a copy of a published advertisement
47 describing the large game shooting experience offered. The
48 copy must include the name of the publication and the date
49 of the issue in which the advertisement appeared;
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2 B. By submitting a dated receipt for services that includes
4 the name and address of the person who paid for a large game
 shooting experience and supporting financial records; or

6 C. By submitting other acceptable verification as
8 determined by the commissioner, including such information
 required by the commissioner to establish the type of large
10 game harvested or offered for harvesting in that shooting
 area between October 1, 1999 and March 15, 2000.

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SUMMARY

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16 This bill permits a person who made an investment in a
 commercial large game shooting area during the period beginning
18 October 1, 1999 and ending March 15, 2000 with the intent to
 operate such an area to obtain a license for a commercial large
 game shooting area.