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H.P. 1442

House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

An Act to Allow Landowner Permits to be Issued for Turkey Hunting.

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Millicent M. MacFarland".

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, BRYANT of Dixfield, CARR of Lincoln, DUNLAP
of Old Town, JACOBS of Turner, NORTON of Bangor, PINKHAM of Lamoine,
TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

4 **Whereas,** the 90-day period may not terminate until after the
6 beginning of the wild turkey hunting season; and

8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
10 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

16 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7468, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

18 **13. Landowner; wild turkey permit.** A wild turkey permit
system adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section may
20 include a provision giving special consideration to landowners
who keep their lands open to hunting by the public. Any 2 or
22 more areas of land owned by the same person that are open for
hunting and that would be contiguous except for being divided by
24 one or more roads are considered contiguous for the purposes of
determining landowner eligibility for special consideration under
26 this subsection.

28 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife to issue turkey hunting permits to landowners who keep
36 their land open to the public for hunting.