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No. 137

S.P. 60

In Senate, January 21, 2003

An Act to Make Hunting Hours Consistent

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 BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and
Senator: HATCH of Somerset, Representatives: GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, HUTTON of
Bowdoinham, PINEAU of Jay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 443,
4 §23, is further amended to read:

6 **5. Night hunting.** A person ~~is guilty of night hunting if~~
8 ~~that person may not~~:

10 A. ~~Hunts~~ Hunt wild birds or wild animals, except raccoons
12 and coyotes as otherwise provided in this Part, from 15
14 minutes after sunset to 1/2-hour 30 minutes before sunrise
16 of the following day ~~or~~.

18 B. ~~Hunts wild animals, except raccoons and coyotes as~~
20 ~~provided in chapters 701 to 721, from 1/2 hour after sunset~~
22 ~~until 1/2 hour before sunrise the following day.~~

24 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 457,
26 §1, is further amended to read:

28 **6. Twilight hunting.** A person ~~is guilty of twilight~~
30 ~~hunting if that person hunts~~ may not hunt wild animals or wild
32 birds, except raccoons as otherwise provided in ~~chapters 701 to~~
34 ~~721~~ this Part, between sunset and 15 minutes after sunset ~~and 1/2~~
hour ~~after sunset~~ during the open firearm season on deer.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

SUMMARY

32 This bill defines twilight hunting as occurring between
34 sunset and 15 minutes afterward and night hunting as occurring 15
minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. The bill
clarifies that twilight hunting is a Class E crime.