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In Senate, January 21, 2003

An Act to Allow Electronic Calling Devices for Hunting

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading '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
Senators: CARPENTER of York, HATCH of Somerset, KNEELAND of Aroostook,
Representative: CARR of Lincoln.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7405-B** is enacted to read:

6 **§7405-B. Electronic calling device**

8 Except as provided in section 7108, subsection 4, a person
9 may use electronic calling devices to hunt all legally hunted
10 species other than migratory game birds.

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7464, sub-§8-C**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 88,
13 §1, is repealed.

14 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7901-A, sub-§6, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
15 655, §18 and c. 667, Pt. B, §10, is repealed and the following
16 enacted in its place:

18 **C. Chapter 709, subchapter 3 violations:**

20 (1) Hunting or trapping bear near dumps as described
21 in section 7452, subsection 5;

22 (2) Leaving a bear as described in section 7452,
23 subsection 8;

24 (3) Failure to attach a bear tag to a bear as
25 described in section 7452, subsection 11;

26 (4) Illegally transporting bear as described in
27 section 7452, subsection 13;

28 (5) Transporting bear out of the State as described in
29 section 7452, subsection 14;

30 (6) Hunting migratory game birds without certification
31 as described in section 7456, subsection 1-A;

32 (7) Hunting waterfowl on Haley Pond as described in
33 section 7456, subsection 2;

34 (8) Transporting deer out of the State as described in
35 section 7458, subsection 12;

36 (9) Hunting deer with .22 caliber rim fire cartridge
37 as described in section 7458, subsection 13;

38 (10) Use of firearm in the Town of Southport as
39 described in section 7458, subsection 14;

2 (11) Possessing or transporting wild hares or rabbits
 as described in section 7462, subsection 4;

4 (12) Failure to attach a moose tag to a moose as
 described in section 7464, subsection 6;

6 (13) Use of illegal firearms as described in section
8 7464, subsection 8-A;

10 (14) Failure to attach a wild turkey tag to a wild
 turkey as described in section 7469, subsection 7; and

12 (15) Taking of snakes and turtles from the wild for
14 commercial purposes as described in section 7471;

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SUMMARY

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20 This bill allows the use of electronic calling devices to
 hunt any game animal except migratory game birds. In removing a
22 provision of law that this bill makes obsolete, the bill also
 corrects a conflict created by 2 public laws that amended the
24 same section of statute in 2001, by incorporating the changes
 made by both public laws.