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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 308, L.D. 388, Bill, "An Act To Permit Small Game Hunting on Private Property on Sunday in Unorganized Territory"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Permit Small Game Hunting within Certain Wildlife Management Districts on Sunday'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10501, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. D, §7, is amended to read:

9. Possession of hunting equipment on Sunday. Possession Except in areas open to Sunday hunting under section 11205, subsection 2, possession of hunting equipment in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice in the State or in a motor vehicle being operated on an unpaved highway or road located in an unorganized township on Sunday is prima facie evidence of a violation of section 11205, unless:

- A. The hunting equipment is carried, securely wrapped, in a complete cover;
- B. The hunting equipment is fastened in a case; or

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2 C. The hunting equipment is carried in at least 2 separate
3 pieces in such a manner that it can not be fired, unless the
4 separate pieces are joined together. For the purpose of
5 this subsection, a clip, magazine or cylinder of a firearm
6 may not be considered a piece of the hunting equipment.
7 Bows and arrows must be kept in a case or cover if
8 broadheads or field points are kept attached to the arrows.

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10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11205**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A,
11 §2 and affected by Pt. D, §7, is amended to read:

12 **§11205. Hunting on Sunday**

13 **1. Prohibition.** A Except as provided in subsection 2, a
14 person may not:

- 15 A. Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday; or
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- 17 B. Possess any wild animal or wild bird taken in violation
- 18 of paragraph A except as otherwise provided in this Part.
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21 ~~A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.~~

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23 **2. Exception.** Wildlife management districts 1, 2, 4 and 5,
24 as defined by rule pursuant to section 10104, are open to Sunday
25 hunting for ruffed grouse, rabbit, squirrel and woodcock during
26 the regular open season for those species.

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28 **3. Penalty.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a
29 Class E crime.

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31 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2005.

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33 **Sec. 4. Repeal.** This Act is repealed on January 1, 2007.'

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37 **SUMMARY**

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39 This amendment is the majority report and replaces the
40 bill. The amendment allows Sunday hunting in wildlife management
41 districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 for ruffed grouse, rabbit, squirrel and
42 woodcock during the regular open season for those species.

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44 This amendment sets an effective date of January 1, 2005 and
a repeal date of January 1, 2007.