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House of Representatives, January 30, 2003

An Act To Permit Small Game Hunting on Private Property on Sunday in Unorganized Territory

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, PINEAU of Jay, RICHARDSON of Greenville,
TOBIN of Dexter, WATSON of Bath, WHEELER of Kittery, WOTTON of Littleton, Senator:
DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7406, sub-§20, ¶D** is enacted to read:

6 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4:

8 (1) The commissioner may authorize a private landowner who owns a continuous piece of property that is greater than 500 acres and located entirely within unorganized territory to open that property on Sunday to hunters permitted to hunt on Sunday under this paragraph. The commissioner may not authorize Sunday hunting on any property that is not open to hunting by the public and adjoins public property defined as a park under section 1801 or established pursuant to section 7651 or section 8003, subsection 3, paragraph N; and

10 (2) The commissioner may issue Sunday hunting permits to licensed hunters to hunt rabbit or grouse during the regular open season on authorized private property as described in subparagraph (1). The annual fee for a Sunday hunting permit is \$15. All revenues raised pursuant to this paragraph must be deposited in a dedicated account to be used only for the purposes described in section 7035, subsection 13.

12 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7901-A, sub-§6. ¶A**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 610, §3 and c. 667, Pt. B, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

14 A. Chapter 709, subchapter 1 violations:

16 (1) Shooting at or near wildfowl decoys as described in section 7406, subsection 11;

18 (2) Hunting without hunter orange clothing as described in section 7406, subsection 12;

20 (3) Allowing a junior hunter to hunt without adult supervision as described in section 7406, subsection 21;

22 (4) Using an aircraft to aid or assist in hunting big game as described in section 7406, subsection 24 if the violation does not involve the taking of a big game animal;

24 (5) Hunting on a state game farm as described in section 7406, subsection 22;

