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# An Act To Promote and Advance Wild Ring-necked Pheasant Propagation

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and Representatives: CHURCHILL of Orland, CLARK of Millinocket, DUNLAP of Old Town, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick.

- **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- Whereas, the spring hunting season for male pheasants will
   commence before the 90-day period expires for the effective date of legislation passed in the First Regular Session of the 121st
   Legislature; and
- 10 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 12 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 14 safety; now, therefore,

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

- 18 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7106-B, sub-§4, ¶C is enacted to read:
- 20 <u>C. A person may not hunt a female pheasant in an area</u> subject to the provisions of section 7472.
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Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7472 is enacted to read:

### <u>§7472. Pheasants</u>

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The commissioner shall establish by rule a hunting season for male pheasants that disallows the taking of female pheasants in certain areas of the State. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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Sec. 3. Rulemaking. Immediately upon the effective date of
this Act, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall
implement the provisions of section 1 by creating a spring
hunting season and a fall hunting season for male pheasants that
disallow the taking of female pheasants in Wildlife Management
District 24 as defined in the agency rules of the Department of
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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

### **SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a hunting season for male pheasants only and directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife immediately to create 2 hunting seasons, one in the spring and one in the fall, to hunt male pheasants in the coastal area from Kittery to Bath.

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