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House of Representatives, January 19, 2007

An Act To Enhance Land Use Opportunities for Landowners

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, JACKSON of Allagash, RICHARDSON of Carmel,
RICHARDSON of Greenville, SAVIELLO of Wilton, TARDY of Newport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

3 **8. Landowner hunting on Sunday.** An antlerless deer permit system adopted by
4 the commissioner pursuant to this section may include a provision allowing landowners
5 who keep their land open to hunting by the public to hunt on Sunday. The commissioner
6 may adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A
7 necessary for the administration, implementation, enforcement and interpretation of this
8 subsection to allow landowners to hunt on their land on Sunday if their land is 20 acres or
9 more and the land is open to the public for hunting during the open hunting season. As a
10 requirement for hunting under this subsection, the landowner must register with the
11 department at no cost. A member of the landowner's immediate family is permitted to
12 hunt on Sunday on the landowner's land if that family member is a licensed hunter.

13 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11205, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
14 and as affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

15 A. Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday except as provided in section 11152,
16 subsection 8; or

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows landowners to hunt on Sunday on their own land if they own 20 or
19 more acres and the land is open to hunting by the public. The landowner must register
20 with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.