

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 497

House of Representatives, February 8, 2007

### **An Act To Maintain the Amount of State Land That Is Open for Hunting**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.  
Cosponsored by Representative TARDY of Newport, Senator BRYANT of Oxford and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, RICHARDSON of Carmel, SAVIELLO of Wilton,  
TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: GOOLEY of Franklin, MARTIN of Aroostook, SHERMAN of  
Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1833, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Hunting.** The bureau may not reduce the total number of acres of nonreserved  
4 public lands open to hunting to less than the total number of acres available for hunting  
5 on those lands as of January 1, 2008. If nonreserved public lands are closed to hunting  
6 for any reason, the bureau must open another comparable parcel of land within the  
7 jurisdiction of the bureau for hunting.

8 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1847, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

9 **4. Hunting.** The bureau may not reduce the total number of acres of reserved public  
10 lands open to hunting to less than the total number of acres available for hunting on those  
11 lands as of January 1, 2008. If reserved public lands are closed to hunting for any reason,  
12 the bureau must open another comparable parcel of land within the jurisdiction of the  
13 bureau for hunting.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill provides that the number of acres open to hunting on reserved and  
16 nonreserved state lands may not be reduced from the total number of acres available for  
17 hunting on those lands as of January 1, 2008.