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House of Representatives, February 2, 2009

An Act To Clarify Standards by Which Game Wardens May Stop All-terrain Vehicles

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

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Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, TARDY of Newport, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MIRSA §10353, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

G. Stop If the warden has reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a violation of law has taken place or is taking place, stop and examine any all-terrain vehicle to ascertain whether it is being operated in compliance with chapter 939 or any other provision of this Part regulating ATVs, demand and inspect the operator's certificate of registration and, when appropriate, demand and inspect evidence that the operator has satisfactorily completed a training course as required by section 13152;

SUMMARY

12 This bill requires a game warden to have a reasonable and articulable suspicion to 13 believe that a violation of law has taken place or is taking place before stopping an all-14 terrain vehicle.