

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



STATE LAW LIBRARY  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2009

---

Legislative Document

No. 942

H.P. 645

House of Representatives, March 10, 2009

---

### An Act To Allow Hunting on Sundays on Certain Land

---

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, FLETCHER of Winslow, SAVIELLO of Wilton, TARDY  
of Newport, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

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

2 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152-A is enacted to read:

3 **§11152-A. Hunting on Sunday**

4 **1. Permit system.** A deer permit system adopted by the commissioner pursuant to  
5 this section may include a provision allowing hunting on Sunday on private property. A  
6 person may not hunt on Sunday on state or federal parks or lands. The commissioner  
7 shall adopt rules necessary for the administration, implementation, enforcement and  
8 interpretation of this section to allow hunting on Sunday during the open hunting season.  
9 The commissioner may adjust the rules for game management purposes. The fee for a  
10 Sunday hunting permit is \$25.

11 **2. Written permission required.** A person may not hunt on Sunday on a private  
12 landowner's property pursuant to subsection 1 unless the person has written permission of  
13 the landowner or the landowner's agent. The permission must be kept on the person  
14 while hunting.

15 **3. Fee distribution.** Fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 must be transferred to  
16 the Support Landowners Program in section 10108, subsection 4, paragraph A.

17 **4. Penalty.** The penalties described under this subsection apply to violations of this  
18 section.

19 **A.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of  
20 not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

21 **B.** A person who violates this section after having been adjudicated as having  
22 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period  
23 commits a Class E crime.

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

26 **A.** Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday, except as provided in section 11152-  
27 A; or

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill allows the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to authorize a private  
30 landowner to open that property on Sunday to hunters who have permits to hunt on  
31 Sunday. The hunter must have obtained written permission from the landowner, which  
32 must be kept on the person while hunting. The department shall adopt rules to implement  
33 a Sunday hunting permit system. The fee for a Sunday hunting permit is \$25.