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In Senate, January 6, 2010

### **An Act To Allow the Electronic Registration of Big Game Animals**

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford.

1           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** an electronic system is needed to increase the efficiency of registering big  
4 game animals killed by hunters; and

5           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
8 therefore,

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

10           **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12301-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

11           **4. Electronic registration.** The commissioner shall adopt rules to establish and  
12 maintain an Internet-based system to allow a person to register a bear, deer, moose or  
13 wild turkey electronically. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical  
14 rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

15           **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12302-A, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §228  
16 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

17           **1. Requirement.** A Except as provided in subsection 1-A, a person who kills a bear,  
18 deer, moose or wild turkey shall:

19           A. Remain with that animal until it is registered, except as provided in section  
20 12303-A;

21           B. Present that animal for registration in that person's name at the first open  
22 registration station for that animal on the route taken by that person; and

23           C. Leave the registration seal attached to the animal in accordance with section  
24 12301-A until that animal is processed and packaged for consumption.

25           **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12302-A, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

26           **1-A. Electronic registration.** A person who kills a bear, deer, moose or wild turkey  
27 may register the animal electronically in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to  
28 section 12301-A, subsection 4.

29           **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12304-A, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232  
30 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

31           **1. Prohibition.** Except for animals registered electronically in accordance with  
32 section 12302-A, subsection 1-A, and except as provided in subsection 2, a person must  
33 present the following wild animals for registration in their entirety:

34           A. Bear;

35           B. Deer;

- 1 C. Moose; or
- 2 D. Wild turkey.

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

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This bill authorizes the electronic registration of big game animals and requires the  
7 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to establish and maintain an  
8 online system to allow a person to register a moose, deer, bear or wild turkey  
9 electronically.