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House of Representatives, March 1, 2011

An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting in Northern Maine

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative PILON of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and
Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, DION of Portland, SHAW of Standish.

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.** The commissioner shall adopt a deer permit system to allow
5 hunting deer on Sunday during the open season on deer in the northern part of the State.
6 The fee for a Sunday hunting permit is \$25.

7 **2. Violation; penalties.** A person may not hunt deer on Sunday except as provided
8 in subsection 1.

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

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

14 **3. Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary for the administration,
15 implementation, enforcement and interpretation of this section. The commissioner may
16 adjust the rules for game management purposes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section
17 are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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

20 A. Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday, except as provided in section
21 11152-A; or

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to authorize
24 hunting deer on Sunday in the northern part of the State during the open season on deer.
25 It sets the fee for a Sunday hunting permit at \$25 and requires the commissioner to adopt
26 rules to implement a Sunday hunting permit system.