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House of Representatives, January 31, 2013

**An Act To Allow a Hunter To Harvest a Wild Turkey of Either Sex
during the Month of October without an Extra Charge for the
Permit**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BLACK of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CRAFTS of Lisbon, CRAY of Palmyra, DUNPHY of Embden, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HARVELL of Farmington, LONG of Sherman, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11701**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c.
3 655, Pt. B, §179 and affected by §422 and Pt. C, §§2 and 6, is further amended by adding
4 after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

5 The commissioner shall establish a wild turkey hunting season for the month of
6 October in which a person who holds a hunting license under this chapter may harvest a
7 wild turkey of either sex at no extra permit charge. A person who harvests a wild turkey
8 during this season shall register the harvested wild turkey pursuant to section 12301-A.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a
11 wild turkey hunting season for the month of October to allow the harvest of wild turkeys
12 of either sex. This season would be open to any licensed hunter and would not require
13 any extra permit charge. The bill provides that the hunter must have any harvested turkey
14 tagged.