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House of Representatives, February 7, 2013

An Act To Exempt Persons Who Have Served in the Armed Forces from the Requirement To Take a Hunter Safety Course To Obtain a Hunting License

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

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Presented by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville.

Cosponsored by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn, Senator THIBODEAU of Waldo and Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BLACK of Wilton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, FREDETTE of Newport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, LONG of Sherman, WILSON of Augusta, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11105, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. D, §7 and c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

§11105. Safety course

- 1. Hunter safety course requirements. A person, other than a current or former member of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, who applies for a Maine license to hunt with firearms other than a juvenile license must submit proof of having successfully completed a hunter safety course as provided in section 10108 or an equivalent hunter safety course or satisfactory evidence of having previously held an adult license to hunt with firearms in this State or any other state, province or country in any year beginning with 1976.
- When proof of competency can not otherwise be provided, the applicant may substitute a signed affidavit that the applicant has previously held the required adult hunting license or that the applicant has successfully completed the required hunter safety course.

15 SUMMARY

This bill exempts persons who have received training in the armed forces, including both persons on active duty and veterans, from having to take a hunter safety course to obtain a hunting license.