

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 14, 2013

### **An Act To Expand Wild Turkey Hunting**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: JONES of Freedom, MARKS of Pittston, RUSSELL of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11701**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 552, §9 and affected by §15  
3 and c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §179 and affected by §422 and Pt. C, §§2  
4 and 6, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

5 The commissioner shall establish an open season for hunting wild turkeys for the  
6 month of October, during which there is no bag limit.

7 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11751-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 552, §11 and  
8 affected by §15 and c. 655, Pt. C, §§2 and 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its  
9 place:

10 **2. Exceeding bag limit.** Except as provided in this subsection or otherwise provided  
11 in law or rules a person may not possess more than one wild turkey during any open  
12 season.

13 A. A person may keep more than one legally obtained wild turkey in that person's  
14 home at any time.

15 B. A person may possess more than one wild turkey obtained during the October  
16 open season established under section 11701.

17 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11751-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 552, §11 and  
18 affected by §15 and c. 655, Pt. C, §§2 and 6, is amended to read:

19 **3. Hunting wild turkey after having killed one.** A person may not hunt wild  
20 turkey after that person has killed or registered one during any open season of that  
21 calendar year, except during the October open season established under section 11701 or  
22 as otherwise provided in law or rule.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill establishes an open season for hunting wild turkeys for the month of  
25 October, during which there is no bag limit.