

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 28, 2013

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**An Act To Require a Nonresident To Hire a Maine Guide To Hunt  
Sea Ducks**

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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 ESPLING of New Gloucester. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CASSIDY of Lubec, GILLWAY of Searsport, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11229** is enacted to read:

3 **§11229. Nonresident sea duck hunting; guide required**

4 **1. Hunting without a guide.** A nonresident may not hunt a sea duck as defined by  
5 the commissioner by rule, unless that person hires and is accompanied by a guide holding  
6 a valid license issued under chapter 927. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are  
7 routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

8 **2. Penalty.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which  
9 a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires a nonresident sea duck hunter to hire and be accompanied by a  
12 licensed Maine guide.