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House of Representatives, April 10, 2013

An Act To Facilitate a Pilot Program for Sunday Hunting for Residents Only

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

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

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

4 A. Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday, except as provided in subsection 1-A;
5 or

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11205, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

7 **1-A. Resident-only Sunday hunting.** A person with a resident junior hunting
8 license or a resident hunting license under this chapter may hunt on the last Sunday
9 during the open hunting season.

10 This subsection is repealed January 1, 2015.

11 **Sec. 3. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at election; form of**
12 **question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at
13 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The
14 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns
15 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,
16 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

17 "Do you favor allowing, until January 1, 2015, resident hunters to hunt
18 on the last Sunday during the open hunting season?"

19 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question
20 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square
21 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and
22 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of
23 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall
24 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the
25 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days
26 after the date of the proclamation.

27 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all
28 ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this
29 referendum.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill allows a person with a resident junior hunting license or a resident hunting
32 license to hunt wild animals or wild birds on the last Sunday during the open hunting
33 season. This provision is repealed in 2 years. The bill is contingent on approval by the
34 voters in a referendum at the general election in November.