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House of Representatives, February 24, 2015

An Act To Allow Hunting on Sunday with the Landowner's Written Consent

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.
Cosponsored by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook and
Representatives: BICKFORD of Auburn, CRAFTS of Lisbon, LONG of Sherman, SHAW of
Standish, STETKIS of Canaan, TURNER of Burlington, WOOD of Sabattus, Senator:
CUSHING of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10501, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 511, §1 and
3 affected by §3 and c. 614, §§9 and 10, is further amended to read:

4 **9. Possession of hunting equipment on Sunday.** Possession of hunting equipment
5 in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice in the State on Sunday is prima facie
6 evidence of a violation of section 11205, unless:

7 A. The hunting equipment is carried, securely wrapped, in a complete cover;

8 B. The hunting equipment is fastened in a case; ~~or~~

9 C. The hunting equipment is carried in at least 2 separate pieces in such a manner
10 that it can not be fired, unless the separate pieces are joined together. For the purpose
11 of this subsection, a clip, magazine or cylinder of a firearm may not be considered a
12 piece of the hunting equipment. Bows and arrows must be kept in a case or cover if
13 broadheads or field points are kept attached to the arrows; or

14 D. The person has the written consent of the landowner to hunt on Sunday on that
15 landowner's property.

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

17 **1-A. Written consent.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may hunt wild
18 animals or wild birds on Sunday on a landowner's property with the written consent of the
19 landowner.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill allows a person to possess hunting equipment on Sunday on a landowner's
22 property if the person possessing the equipment has the landowner's written consent to
23 hunt on that property. The bill also allows hunting on a landowner's property on Sunday
24 with the landowner's written consent.