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S.P. 538

In Senate, May 21, 2015

An Act To Allow Hunters Whose Religion Prohibits Wearing Hunter Orange Clothing To Instead Wear Red

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11203, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Religious opposition exemption.** A person may substitute articles of red
4 clothing for the articles of hunter orange clothing required under subsection 1 if the
5 person has a religious opposition to the wearing of hunter orange clothing.

6 **Sec. 2. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend rules.** The
7 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend Rule Chapter 4: Hunting and
8 Trapping to clarify that a person who has a religious opposition to the wearing of hunter
9 orange clothing may substitute articles of red clothing for the articles of hunter orange
10 clothing required by current law. Rules amended pursuant to this section are routine
11 technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
12 2-A.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill allows a hunter whose religion prohibits the wearing of hunter orange to
15 instead wear red. It also directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to
16 amend its rules to reflect this exemption.