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House of Representatives, January 26, 2017

**An Act To Eliminate the Authority of Game Wardens To Violate the
Hunting and Fishing Laws When Carrying Out the Duties of the
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

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 MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10353, sub-§2, ¶G**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 248, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 G. Stop and examine any all-terrain vehicle to ascertain whether it is being operated
5 in compliance with chapter 939 or any other provision of this Part regulating ATVs,
6 demand and inspect the operator's certificate of registration and, when appropriate,
7 demand and inspect evidence that the operator has satisfactorily completed a training
8 course as required by section 13152; and

9 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10353, sub-§2, ¶H**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
10 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

11 H. Stop and examine any snowmobile to ascertain whether it is being operated in
12 compliance with chapter 937 or any other provision of this Part regulating
13 snowmobiles; demand and inspect the operator's certificate of registration; and
14 examine the identification numbers of the snowmobile and any marks on it; ~~and~~

15 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10353, sub-§2, ¶I**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 248, §1, is
16 repealed.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill eliminates the authority of game wardens and other officials with the powers
19 of game wardens to violate the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, Part 13
20 in carrying out their duties and powers.