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House of Representatives, February 28, 2017

An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Hunting from a Vehicle

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 STETKIS of Canaan.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HILLIARD of Belgrade,
LYFORD of Eddington, MASON of Lisbon, NADEAU of Winslow, REED of Carmel,
THERIAULT of China.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11212, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 327, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Prohibition.** The following provisions apply to shooting from a motor vehicle or
5 motorboat or possessing a loaded firearm or a crossbow in a motor vehicle while hunting.

6 A. A person may not shoot while in or on a motor vehicle or motorboat or while in
7 or on a trailer or other type of vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle except:

8 (1) A person may hunt migratory waterfowl from a motorboat in accordance
9 with federal regulations;

10 (2) Paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may shoot from motor
11 vehicles that are not in motion; and

12 (3) A person may shoot from a motorboat if that boat is not being propelled by
13 its motor.

14 B. A person may not, while in or on a motor vehicle or in or on a trailer or other type
15 of vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle, have a cocked and armed crossbow or a
16 firearm with a cartridge or shell in the chamber or in an attached magazine, clip or
17 cylinder or a muzzle-loading firearm charged with powder, lead and a primed ignition
18 device or mechanism, except that a person who is 21 years of age or older and is not
19 otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm or is 18 years of age or older and
20 under 21 years of age and is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States
21 or the National Guard or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of
22 the United States or the National Guard and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying
23 a firearm may have in or on a motor vehicle or trailer or other type of vehicle a
24 loaded pistol or revolver.

25 C. A person may not possess a wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of
26 paragraph A or B, except as otherwise provided in this Part.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill explicitly restricts the application of the law prohibiting shooting from
29 motor vehicles and motorboats to shooting while hunting.