

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 618

House of Representatives, March 7, 2017

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Tagging of Harvested  
Animals To Reflect the Closure of Tagging Stations Due to Holidays  
and Other Legitimate Reasons**

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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 WHITE of Washburn.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, DUCHESNE of Hudson,  
HANINGTON of Lincoln, HARLOW of Portland, MARTIN of Sinclair, PIERCE of Dresden,  
Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, MASON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12303-A, sub-§1-A, ¶¶B and C,** as enacted by PL 2003, c.  
3 655, Pt. B, §230 and affected by §422, are amended to read:

4 B. A person may leave an unregistered animal harvested by that person in the woods  
5 if that person notifies a game warden within 18 hours as to the location of that animal  
6 and the circumstances necessitating leaving that animal in the woods; ~~and~~

7 C. A person on a hunting trip in an unorganized township and staying at a temporary  
8 place of lodging may keep an unregistered harvested animal at the temporary place of  
9 lodging for no more than 7 days or until that person leaves the woods, whichever  
10 comes first; and

11 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12303-A, sub-§1-A, ¶D** is enacted to read:

12 D. A person may keep an unregistered animal harvested by that person until a  
13 registration station within a reasonable distance of the person is open if the person  
14 legally harvests the animal and no registration station within a reasonable distance of  
15 the person is open within the time limit under subsection 1 due to a holiday or other  
16 legitimate reason.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows a person who has legally harvested an animal to keep the  
19 unregistered animal until a registration station within a reasonable distance of the person  
20 is open if no registration stations within a reasonable distance of the person are open due  
21 to a holiday or other legitimate reason.