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House of Representatives, February 12, 2018

**An Act To Exempt from Hunter Safety Courses Certain Veterans
and Persons Who Have Completed Firearms Safety Courses**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11105, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §17, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Hunter safety course requirements.** Except as provided in ~~subsection~~
5 subsections 2 to 4, a person who applies for a Maine license to hunt with firearms other
6 than a junior license or an apprentice hunter license issued under section 11108-B must
7 submit proof of having successfully completed a hunter safety course as provided in
8 section 10108 or an equivalent hunter safety course or satisfactory evidence of having
9 previously held a valid adult license to hunt with firearms in this State or any other state,
10 province or country in any year beginning with 1976.

11 When proof of competency can not otherwise be provided, the applicant may substitute a
12 signed affidavit that the applicant has previously held the required adult hunting license
13 or that the applicant has successfully completed the required hunter safety course.

14 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11105, sub-§§3 and 4** are enacted to read:

15 **3. Hunter safety course exemption for certain veterans.** A veteran of the Armed
16 Forces of the United States is exempt from hunter safety course requirements under
17 subsection 1 if that veteran provides at the time of application for a Maine license to hunt
18 that veteran's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, or its
19 predecessor or successor forms, or certification from the United States Department of
20 Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the Armed Forces of the United States
21 verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge.

22 **4. Hunter safety course exemption for persons who have completed firearms**
23 **safety courses.** A person is exempt from hunter safety course requirements under
24 subsection 1 if that person provides at the time of application for a Maine license to hunt
25 proof of having successfully completed a firearms safety course other than a program for
26 training individuals in the safe handling of firearms pursuant to section 10108, subsection
27 1.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill provides that a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States is exempt
30 from hunter safety course requirements if that veteran provides at the time of application
31 for a Maine license to hunt with firearms that veteran's Armed Forces Report of Transfer
32 or Discharge, DD Form 214, or its predecessor or successor forms, or certification from
33 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the Armed
34 Forces of the United States verifying the applicant's military service and honorable
35 discharge.

36 It also provides that a person is exempt from hunter safety course requirements if that
37 person provides at the time of application for a Maine license to hunt proof of having
38 successfully completed a firearms safety course other than a program for training
39 individuals in the safe handling of firearms pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
40 12, section 10108, subsection 1.