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An Act To Increase Opportunities for Hunters, Anglers and Sporting Camps by Extending the Seasons on Upland Game

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

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin. Cosponsored by Representative LANDRY of Farmington and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DUNPHY of Old Town, HALL of Wilton, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10954 is enacted to read:
3	<u>§10954. Upland game seasons extended</u>
4 5	The commissioner shall extend the open seasons on upland game by one additional day, the last Saturday of September, annually.
6 7	As used in this section, "upland game" means snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, ring- necked pheasant, ruffed grouse and bobwhite quail.
8	SUMMARY
9 10 11 12 13	This bill amends the general hunting season provisions to direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to extend the open seasons on upland game by one additional day, the last Saturday of September, annually. It defines the term "upland game" as snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, ring-necked pheasant, ruffed grouse and bobwhite quail.