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H.P. 1422

House of Representatives, February 20, 2024

An Act to Amend the Start Date of the September Upland Game Season

Reported by Representative LANDRY of Farmington for the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 36, section 3.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10954**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 42, §1, is amended to read:

3 **§10954. ~~Start of open~~ Open season on upland game**

4 The open season on upland game must ~~begin on~~ include the last Saturday in September.
5 The commissioner, by rule, shall determine the length of the open season on upland game.

6 As used in this section, "upland game" means snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, ruffed
7 grouse and bobwhite quail.

8 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill provides that beginning January 1, 2025 the open season on upland game must
11 include the last Saturday in September but need not start on the last Saturday in September
12 as in current law.