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An Act To Enhance Land Use Opportunities for Landowners

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Landowner hunting on Sunday. An antlerless deer permit system adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this section may include a provision allowing landowners who keep their land open to hunting by the public to hunt on Sunday. The commissioner may adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A necessary for the administration, implementation, enforcement and interpretation of this subsection to allow landowners to hunt on their land on Sunday if their land is 20 acres or more and the land is open to the public for hunting during the open hunting season. As a requirement for hunting under this subsection, the landowner must register with the department at no cost. A member of the landowner's immediate family is permitted to hunt on Sunday on the landowner's land if that family member is a licensed hunter.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11205, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and as affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

A. Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday except as provided in section 11152, subsection 8; or

SUMMARY

This bill allows landowners to hunt on Sunday on their own land if they own 20 or more acres and the land is open to hunting by the public. The landowner must register with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.