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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

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

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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:

- Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12303-A, sub-§1-A, ¶¶B and C, as enacted by PL 2003, c.
 655, Pt. B, §230 and affected by §422, are amended to read:
- B. A person may leave an unregistered animal harvested by that person in the woods
 if that person notifies a game warden within 18 hours as to the location of that animal
 and the circumstances necessitating leaving that animal in the woods; and
- C. A person on a hunting trip in an unorganized township and staying at a temporary
 place of lodging may keep an unregistered harvested animal at the temporary place of
 lodging for no more than 7 days or until that person leaves the woods, whichever
 comes first-; and
- 11 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12303-A, sub-§1-A, ¶D is enacted to read:

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12D. A person may keep an unregistered animal harvested by that person until a13registration station within a reasonable distance of the person is open if the person14legally harvests the animal and no registration station within a reasonable distance of15the person is open within the time limit under subsection 1 due to a holiday or other16legitimate reason.

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.