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**An Act Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine
Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on
Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred and
Senator: LYFORD of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 447** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 447**

4 **HUNTING, FISHING, RECREATIONAL SHOOTING AND TRAPPING**
5 **COURSE**

6 **§12993. Hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and trapping course required**

7 The University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System shall offer
8 a for-credit course about hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and trapping. The course
9 curriculum must include educational instruction on the historical and contemporary roles
10 of a North American model of wildlife conservation and a national system of conservation
11 funding and the effects that hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and trapping have on
12 fish and wildlife management. The course curriculum must include a field component
13 appropriate for the season in which students are able to gain hands-on experience with
14 mentors on hunting, fishing, recreational shooting or trapping. The course curriculum must
15 satisfy the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's approved firearms hunter safety
16 course. The University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System shall
17 work with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish the necessary course
18 components.

19 **§12994. Rulemaking**

20 The Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the Board of Trustees of the
21 Maine Community College System shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of
22 this chapter.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College
25 System to offer a for-credit course about hunting, fishing, recreational shooting and
26 trapping.