An Act To Ban Hunting with Ammunition That Contains Lead

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

Presented by Representative ROEDER of Bangor.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1.  12 MRSA §11229 is enacted to read:

§11229.  Hunting with ammunition containing lead

1.  Prohibition.  A person may not hunt with ammunition that contains lead.

2.  Penalties.  The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

   A.  A person who violates subsection 1 for the first time must be issued a written warning only.

   B.  A person who violates subsection 1 after having been issued a written warning under paragraph A commits a civil violation for which a fine of $100 must be adjudged. For each subsequent violation an amount that is $50 greater than the amount adjudged for the previous violation must be adjudged.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the use of ammunition that contains lead when hunting in this State. Individuals who violate this prohibition receive a warning for the first offense. Individuals who repeatedly violate this prohibition commit a civil violation resulting in a $100 fine for a 2nd offense, with the penalty increasing by $50 for each subsequent offense.