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An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting North of U.S. Route 2 from the New Hampshire Border to Bangor, North of Route 9 from Bangor to the Canadian Border and within That Portion of the White Mountain National Forest inside the State

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ORDWAY of Standish.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10501, sub-§9, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
3 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 B. The hunting equipment is fastened in a case; or

5 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10501, sub-§9, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
6 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

7 C. The hunting equipment is carried in at least 2 separate pieces in such a manner that
8 it can not be fired, unless the separate pieces are joined together. For the purpose of
9 this subsection, a clip, magazine or cylinder of a firearm may not be considered a piece
10 of the hunting equipment. Bows and arrows must be kept in a case or cover if
11 broadheads or field points are kept attached to the arrows; or

12 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10501, sub-§9, ¶D** is enacted to read:

13 D. The person is hunting on Sunday pursuant to section 11205, subsection 1-A.

14 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11205**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §137 and affected
15 by §422, is further amended to read:

16 **§11205. Hunting on Sunday**

17 **1. Prohibition.** A person may not:

18 A. Hunt wild animals or wild birds on Sunday, except as provided in subsection 1-A;
19 or

20 B. Possess any wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of paragraph A except as
21 otherwise provided in this Part.

22 **1-A. Hunting allowed on Sunday.** A person may hunt wild animals or wild birds on
23 Sunday north of U.S. Route 2 from the New Hampshire border to Bangor, north of Route
24 9 from Bangor to the Canadian border and within any portion of the White Mountain
25 National Forest in the State, subject to all other requirements, laws and rules governing that
26 hunting. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted
27 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
28 subchapter 2-A.

29 **2. Penalties.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill allows persons to hunt wild animals and wild birds on Sunday north of U.S.
32 Route 2 from the New Hampshire border to Bangor, north of Route 9 from Bangor to the
33 Canadian border and within any portion of the White Mountain National Forest in the State.
34 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is directed to adopt rules to implement
35 this provision.